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"We have got to get these people eventually to a location in Iraq controlled by the UN and leave them and feed them there," he said.

Mr Cheney said yesterday that he expected about 40,000 Iraqis who had sought refuge behind American lines would be moved into the buffer zone in southern Iraq after the US forces had withdrawn. They would be looked after by international relief groups.

The US defence secretary said the UN Security Council had just passed a resolution urging Iraq to halt its suppression of the Kurds and to open its borders to humanitarian relief efforts. He said he would want to go back to the council before trying to set up some sort of sanctuary for the Kurds in northern Iraq.

As the four US Air Force C130 transport planes, each loaded with 16 tons of food and much-needed medical supplies, left Incirlik air base in Turkey for drop-off points in Iraq, Mr Cheney and Mr Baker warned Saddam that the United States would not tolerate any interference with the relief effort.

Mr Baker reiterated that the United States would not allow itself to be "sucked" into Iraq's civil war through military intervention. However, he said: "We cannot be indifferent to atrocities and human suffering in Iraq," Mr Baker said. "We will make certain that humanitarian assistance gets to those who most need it."

The cargo aircraft were accompanied by fighter jets to ensure that the American warning was respected. The first supplies to sail down by parachute were parcels of meat, pasta, biscuits, baby food, blankets and tents. As rain fell constantly, refugees chopped down trees to build campfires to cook the first food many had seen for several days.

Three Hercules aircraft carrying more than 30 tons of provisions left RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, yesterday to fly the 450 miles to Incirlik. The British crews were planning to drop the supplies today, but reports of poor weather and muddy roads in the mountainous border region could delay the delivery of supplies donated by Save the Children, Oxfam and the British government.

As the refugees continued to try to cross the border into Turkey yesterday a girl aged two was killed by a ricocheting bullet when stampeding Iraqi Kurds clashed with Turkish soldiers. Witnesses said she was hit in the stomach when soldiers fired into the air to stop refugees crossing the frontier.

The US Secretary of State will continue his mission in the Middle East by flying to Israel tomorrow for his second postwar trip in pursuit of a peace settlement. He will also visit Egypt and Syria and meet the Jordanian foreign minister in Geneva on his way home at the end of the week. The meeting marks the first high-level contact with Jordan since the end of the war and shows that America recognises that Jordan will have to play an important part in any putative settlement despite Washington's anger at its pro-Iraqi stance.

Both Mr Baker and President Bush sought to downplay expectations that the trip would lead to quick breakthroughs. The US Secretary of State said the purpose was to exploit the brief "window of opportunity" presented by Arab-Israeli co-operation during the Gulf war before old attitudes reasserted themselves.

Mr Bush and denied that he had a "bold plan" to put to the Arabs and Israelis. However, he said: "We owe it to the world to make every effort to deal with this most intractable of problems ... we're not going to be able to deal with it if we're not willing to actively engage in work."

Iran, which has taken in half a million refugees, said yesterday that it had closed its border with Iraq. It said it could not take any more Kurds unless it received help from the international community. "Several hundred thousand people are waiting on the other side of the border to obtain permission to enter," the Iranian radio said. However, President Rafsanjani, the Iranian leader, has set aside a further £24 million for relief aid.

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Above the battle: a giraffe at London zoo facing an uncertain future as officials attempt to solve its financial problems

London zoo offers plan for survival

By MICHAEL McCARTHY
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

LONDON zoo, threatened with closure because of its shaky finances, is to present the environment department with a new survival plan on Thursday in an attempt to secure more government help.

The zoo, whose officials yesterday denied a report that it is to close in September with the slaughter of many of its 8,000 animals, will propose transforming itself from an animal collection into Britain's first centre for international conservation education. The plan would involve sending the larger beasts, such as elephants, to its sister zoo at Whipsnade in Bedfordshire, while new displays are designed round the remaining collections to illustrate environmental problems, such as the threat to rain forests.

Yesterday the switchboard at the zoo was jammed with calls from animal lovers offering money after it was confirmed that the zoo had told the government it would have to close. John Blackburn, Tory MP for Dudley West and a campaigner for the improvement of British zoos, called for an urgent public appeal for what he said was a national asset for tourism and education. The government should match the money raised, he said.

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Major faces key test in cabinet poll-tax dispute

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major this week faces a crucial test of his authority when he seeks to resolve growing cabinet differences over the future of the proposed local tax replacing the community charge.

The arguments concern the degree to which the government should declare its hand over the balance to be struck between a tax on people and a tax on property. Chris Patten, the party chairman, and Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, want the question left open in consultation papers on the finance and structure of local government to be published later this month. But other ministers want a clear government lead.

The dispute is expected to come to a head when the prime minister chairs a meeting of the cabinet committee reviewing local government tomorrow. It takes on a particular importance as Mr Major faces strong criticism of his capacity to make firm decisions.

Patten: wants government to keep options open

John Cunningham, the Labour campaigns co-ordinator, stepped up that criticism yesterday. "The world is not run by nice guys," he said on TV-am. "Mr Major doesn't seem to be up to the job, up to the onerous and difficult decisions of a prime minister."

Concern has also been expressed, even among Conservatives, that Mr Major is vulnerable to personal criticism, his reported irritation at Margaret Thatcher's intervention on behalf of the Kurds being the latest example.

However, Mr Patten moved to calm Tory fears, pointing out that the party's standing in the opinion polls had been transformed since Mr Major took over from Mrs Thatcher and dismissing as "silly and intemperate" the weekend attack on him by Murdo Fraser, the Thatcherite chairman of the Young Conservatives.

Another minister was even more scathing. "All this nonsense about him being thin-skinned is brouhaha. You don't get to be a lion in the jungle by being thin-skinned."

Despite the criticism, government sources indicated yesterday that Mr Major may be inclined to let Mr Heseltine invite comments on a range of options, in which the balance between the people and property elements differs markedly. "We are going to consult on the particular mix of occupancy and property" Mr Patten said on BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*. "If we were not to do that, people would criticise us for being authoritarian."

Among the options which are to be presented to the meeting by Mr Heseltine is the suggestion that the people element in the tax should be fixed in Whitehall at about £50-£100 and should be levied at the same rate everywhere.

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Death squad killing haunts Kuwait

*The public murder of a prominent Palestinian marks a new phase of violence, **Jamie Dettmer** writes from Kuwait City*

The public murder of a Palestinian dentist which soldiers nearby made no effort to prevent has sent shockwaves through Kuwait and brought fears of death squads stalking the emirate.

Saleem Muktar, aged 56, who was well known for his fictional writing, was shot by gunmen thought to be linked to the Kuwaiti army. He was killed only yards from an army checkpoint.

The fear in the Palestinian community has been matched by outrage among Western diplomats. Edward Gnehm, the American ambassador, has sent a formal protest to the government about the killing.

Despite personal assurances by Sheikh Saad al-Sabah, the Crown Prince, to the dead man's family that the culprits will be caught, diplomats fear the two gunmen involved will never be brought to trial.

Privately, diplomats say they believe the gunmen carried out the killing with the blessing of military officers linked to hardline junior members of Kuwait's ruling al-Sabah family. "The death squads have arrived," said an envoy.

Six other Palestinians were also murdered by Kuwaiti assassins on the same day that Dr Muktar was killed. One of them, a lieutenant in the Kuwaiti army and the son of a prominent Palestinian businessman, had his throat cut in front of his parents' home.

Dr Muktar, who wrote several novels and short stories based on his childhood in Hebron, trained as a dentist in Iraq but close friends, both Palestinian and Kuwaiti, insist he never collaborated with the Iraqis during their occupation.

Dr Muktar, whose first wife is now married to a Kuwaiti diplomat attached to the Crown Prince's personal staff, kept well away from politics. His daughter, a doctor, is understood to have seen Sheikh Saad personally about the killing. The Crown Prince asked her not to inform the press about the murder, according to

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Pressure to remove Gorbachev increases

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

EVIDENCE mounted at the weekend that President Gorbachev is facing a concerted attempt by conservatives to remove him from power because of the growing economic and political problems. There are clear signs that Mr Gorbachev's five-month campaign to placate the hardline Communists, by emphasising measures to restore order and discipline, has failed.

Members of the Soyuz (Union) group in the Soviet parliament claim that they are near to collecting the 450 signatures needed to force an emergency session of the Congress of People's Deputies, the country's full parliament. Unconfirmed reports also say that Communist party officials are trying to engineer an emergency plenum of the party's central committee to discuss the state of the country.

The congress and the central committee are the only two bodies with the authority

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Worker pleads 'never on a Sunday' test case

And on the seventh day, I planted seeds
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By FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A MAN dismissed after refusing to work 12 hours a day seven days a week is to take his case to an industrial tribunal for what is expected to be a test ruling on the right to have Sundays off.

Robert George, aged 42, worked for 16 years as an assistant in a seed-processing unit for Plant Breeding International in Cambridge, now a subsidiary of Unilever. Around the harvest period, the company expected Mr George to work seven days a week, 12 hours a day from July to October. His working week, including the overtime, was 84 hours on site.

Mr George requested Sundays off to spend time with his family – he has two teenage daughters – and to attend church, but the company would not permit a weekly rest day and said that it would not allow less than a seven-day working week. Mr George said that he could not continue to work the hours and was dismissed in August 1990. He has since found another job making deliveries.

Mr George said that he had told his employers over a period of three years that he wanted to stop working on Sundays. "There was always a reason why they persuaded me to go on a little longer. Then it came to harvest 1989 and I said this is it. That was the last one. I am taking this case as a matter of principle. I am not interested in the money. It just does not seem right."

The case, due to start on April 25, has been taken up by Paul Diamond, a barrister and legal adviser to the Keep Sundays Special campaign, who plans to pursue it, if necessary, to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. He said: "I believe this case could bring about a test ruling on working conditions generally and the right to work reasonable hours. In particular, it will also test the right of an individual to have Sundays off to pursue a religious belief."

Mr Diamond said that he was seeking a clear ruling that people should be entitled to one day off a week and that practising Christians should have the right not to work more than two Sundays a month. Mr Diamond asked: "Can it ever be reasonable to dismiss someone for declining to work unreasonable hours? Surely Unilever, a multinational company, has the administrative resources to introduce a shift system?"

The company would not comment. However, it is believed to have regretted the loss of Mr George but felt that an exception could not be made because that would set a precedent for the small workforce and the company depended on every member during its busy period.

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London zoo plans to transfer larger animals to survive

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

LONDON zoo will try to secure its future by giving up *its larger animals such* as elephants and giraffes and transforming itself into Britain's first centre for international conservation education. The plan will be put to the government on Thursday, with a request for £3 million to £4 million of financial help.

The zoo feels the transformation, which could be effected for about £12 million, mostly to be sought in private sector sponsorship, would make it a successful commercial operation after the financial crises which have bedevilled it in recent years. It would also fit in with the general move away from displaying captive animals behind bars in polluted cities, to allowing them to range freely in the countryside.

The scheme would see the large animals, on show since 1827 at the 36-acre site in Regent's Park, north London, moved to Whipsnade, the 600-acre animal park in Bedfordshire run as a sister zoo by the Zoological Society of London. The Regent's Park site would keep many smaller animals to help visitors understand environmental problems and the threats to *particular* habitats, such as rainforests, in many parts of the world. New displays and more interpretative material would be designed around the animal collections, making "a completely new kind of zoo," *said David Jones, the director.*

Yesterday the zoo, which last year ran up a record *£4.9* million operating deficit, strongly denied a *Sunday Times* report that it would close in September and that many of its *8,000* animals would then be slaughtered. However, it has told the government that closure remains a possibility if its finances cannot be put on a sound long-term basis, and that new help is essential. The zoo was given £10 million in 1988 by the environment department, its landlord as the manager of the royal parks, as a once-and-for-all payment and the government has refused to provide more cash.

The basis of the zoo's request for more money is that if it goes out of business completely it would cost between three and four million pounds to return the site to parkland, which is the environment department's preferred option. "The money would have to be spent anyway and we think we should use it positively," said Mr Jones. "Let us not abandon this site, which gets 1.3 million visitors a year, but continue to use it for something *highly relevant* to society." Legally, it could only be operated by the Zoological Society of London; it would need primary legislation to allow it to be run by Windsor Safari park, for example, Mr Jones said.

On Thursday Mr Jones and two of his colleagues will present their scheme to senior environment department officials. The scheme is smaller than the £25 million redevelopment plan the zoo put forward in 1989, involving ambitious new exhibits such as The Sichuan Experience, a recreation of a Chinese mountain, and a version of Noah's Ark on the Regent's Canal. That plan, which led to the zoo being accused of trying to imitate an American theme park, and of wanting to to take up more of Regent's Park, was shelved.

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Family time: Susan Wright, an inmate at Holloway prison, north London, enjoying a family day with her 23-month-old daughter Trixie. A pilot scheme to allow mothers serving long sentences at Holloway to be with their children for nearly a whole day in a relaxed atmosphere, instead of the statutory 30-minute bi-monthly visit in a guarded room, was given the Home Office seal of approval yesterday (Heather Kirby writes). Susan, aged 33, kissed and cuddled her toddler in the swimming pool and laughed as her other daughter, aged six, splashed them. It was the sort of outing many parents enjoy: the difference is that Susan is serving a five-year sentence for possessing cannabis. The experiment to let children into the prison from 9.30am to 3pm on two Sunda every month began in Janua Angela Rumbold, Home Off minister responsible for priso yesterday said the government w happy with the scheme and hop the idea would spread to other ja

Lessons to be learnt from the leisure park

By JOHN VINCENT

THE survival of Britain's zoos lies in "green" wildlife parks away from city centres, more conservation education for the public and keeping smaller numbers of species in larger groups, a leading zoologist said yesterday.

John Ironmonger, a former university lecturer in zoology and author of the first *Good Zoo Guide*, believes that zoos should bring their collections into line with the demands of the modern visitor.

"This can be done through increased conservation and making the public more aware of what they are coming to the zoo to see," he said. "The climate of public opinion is moving away from city centre zoos in the direction of places like Marwell zoo, Winchester, and Port Lympne zoo, Folkestone, both of which are large estate zoos specialising in keeping much smaller numbers of species in large groups in big enclosures. Species management is very intensive. Keeping 40 or 50 species presents far less of a problem."

London Zoo was "hidebound by its history" and had consistently kept more than twice as many animals and species as any other in Britain. It cared for some 5,000 animals and 700 species on a 47-acre site, compared with 2,000 animals and 300 species at Chester, the second largest.

"London faces unique problems in having to maintain a huge national collection," he said. "Any other zoo can whittle down their collection, but London cannot realistically do that and retain its status as a national collection.

"It is unique in keeping species that no other zoos keep. It takes sole responsibility for them, and this has worked against them."

"There is an easy option for any zoo, and that is to keep animals which are easy to breed and popular, such as as lions and tigers. The public flock to see them. The harder option is to go for animals which are more endangered, harder to breed and less recognisable to people.

"This is the key to conservation. and this is what is being done by zoos paying more than lip service to ideals."

Ironically, Marwell zoo is also facing financial difficulties because of VAT increases and dwindling takings. The director, John Knowles, said the greatest fear was it would price itself out of the market by passing on the VAT increase. The alternative was to cut conservation work.

Feeding costs alone bite deep into the budget of Britain's 275 zoos. It costs £6,000 a year to feed an elephant and £15 a year to feed an ant.

Wild reaction from sad visitors and dedicated keepers

By JOE JOSEPH

THE possibility that the ocelots of London zoo's might be turned into overcoats by the end of the year sent an unusual roar through Regents Park yesterday.

A biased crowd kept itself warm by fuming at talk that the zoo's directors were threatening to close the zoo and kill off surplus lions and giraffes, and that the government was ready to let them.

Philip Kremin, one of yesterday's visitors, said: "I think you'd hang the government minister the day they killed the first animal. It's not the way a civilised society behaves."

He went to the zoo with his wife, Laura, and daughter, Alyssia, to sign up as members after hearing the closure rumours. "It's unbelievable. It's a national treasure ... here you have something that thousands of children will learn from. I remember coming here as a boy," he said.

Aidan and Pauline Boal, from Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, said that visiting the zoo was the highlight of the trip to London for their two sons. For Mrs Boal the idea of *closing the zoo* was "*diabolical*. They shouldn't get away with that."

Mr Boal added that the zoo was "one of the sights of London, along with Buckingham Palace and Big Ben. It's educational for the kids".

David Jones, the zoo's director, said: "It's quite crazy that one of the great global biological institutions should be put in this situation. Our hope is, of course, that we will not close." The environment department, he said, did not seem to realise that, as the zoo's landlord, it would inherit nine listed buildings and 8,000 animals.

One of the zoo staff, visibly angered by the decision, said: "The treatment the animals get is secomd to none. We breed animals and put them back into the wild. We don't take animals from the jungles and put them in cages. If the animals here get ill, keepers will take them home with them — chimps and even little deer — until they get better."

A head keeper said: "We *may have to streamline a little* next year. But the rumours of our death have been grossly exaggerated." Another added: "Get rid of thousands of animals? Over my dead body."

● A senior RSPCA official confirmed yesterday that it is to prosecute the owner of East Island on the Lleyn Peninsula, Gwynedd, where all but three of a herd of 21 red deer were found dead in February. Summonses are to be served this week on Jill Fairhurst, a writer, of Frampton Mansell, Gloucestershire, under the Abandonment of Animals Act.

Jones: zoo's landlords will inherit 8,000 animals

Man in the news

Go-getter took princess to the dogs

By ALAN HAMILTON

SOCIAL historians seeking an example of the quintessential yuppie from the Thatcher years could do worse than examine the career of Michael Ashcroft, the only man ever to lure the Princess of Wales to an evening of greyhound racing.

Ashcroft, one of the most dazzling stock market whizz kids of the Eighties, is now *embroiled in a battle with his* 29 per cent minority shareholders, Laidlaw, concerning the running of his holding company ADT, current sponsor of the London Marathon.

Ashcroft, recently past his 45th birthday, has several other curious claims to fame. Six years ago he was said to own a holding in every one of the 6,000 companies on the London Stock Exchange, as a conduit of information to all their boardrooms.

Born in Belize, although raised in Norwich, he is that country's honorary part-time ambassador to Brussels. He recently tried, and failed, to become treasurer of the Conservative party, in spite of a long-standing friendship with Denis Thatcher.

Most recently, he has emerged as one of the principal guarantors of the Tory *party's £10 million* overdraft with the Royal Bank of Scotland. His personal fortune is estimated at between £10 million and £20 million. At 26 he quit a tedious accountancy job with a small contract cleaning firm, borrowed *£20,000* from the bank, and bought another, ailing, cleaning firm; he sold it five years later to Reckitt and Colman, pocketing his first £1.3 million.

He then bought Hawley, another sickly outfit that dealt mainly in camping equipment, and turned it into a *sparklingly profitable holding* company. The Ashcroft empire subsequently bought into companies as diverse as Miss World and BAA.

When he swallowed up ADT, a Bermuda-based supplier of security systems, in 1984, Ashcroft moved his base *and his home to Florida*, where he now lives with his second wife and the three children of his first.

His few interviews and public pronouncements indicate an arrogant man who likes to cock a snook at the established world of business and finance, while making it work for him.

City colleagues say he has always craved respectability, which is why he took the princess to the dogs; he wanted her to become patron of his charity, Community Action Trust, which aimed to set up crime prevention vigilante groups throughout the country. The Princess demurred, but it is said that on that evening at the Wembley dog track, following Ashcroft's betting advice to the letter, the future Queen of Great Britain won £130.

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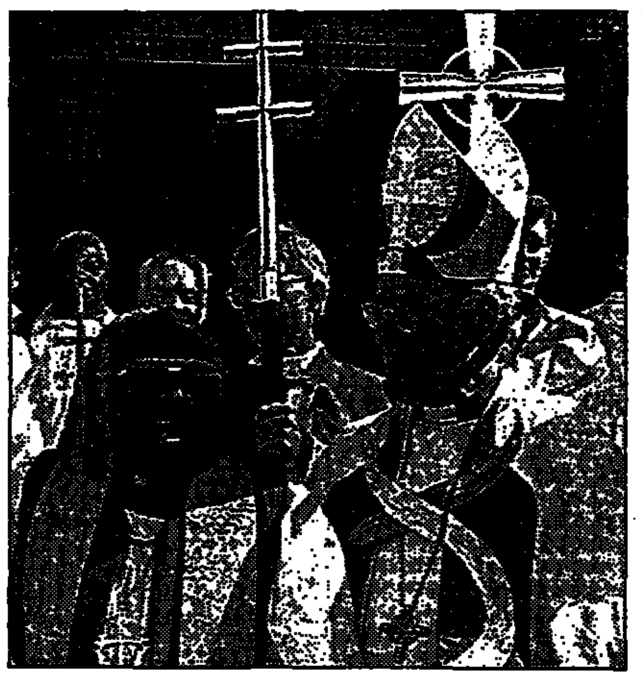


Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Carey before the sermon at St Anne's Cathedral in Belfast yesterday

Killings condemned by Carey in Ulster

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, spoke yesterday of the horror of the recent killings in Northern Ireland. Addressing the leaders of the 28 worldwide Anglican provinces at the opening of the primates' meeting in Newcastle, Co Down, Dr Cary said the Ressurection experience could transform the most hopeless situation.

In his first sermon as archbishop, he said Northern Ireland was a place used to "sectarian bitterness and violence of the most awful kind. There have been Resurrection experiences of Catholic and Protestant Christians who have stubbornly refused to believe that evil must have the last word".

The conference will this week debate the decade of evangelism, international debt, sexuality, Europe and ecumenism. The meeting, in private, will be the first international Anglican gathering chaired by Dr Carey, who is to be enthroned at Canterbury later this month.

In his sermon at Belfast Cathedral, Dr Carey said: "The Church of Jesus Christ often grows the strongest when it is buried in the most appalling human suffering. Amongst our number are those who share the burden of dispossessed people in the *Middle East* and *the Gulf. And* there are archbishops who bear to this place the worries of poor and deprived people who are imprisoned by economic systems which leave them helpless and vulnerable.

"And I do not forget the reality of conflict here in Northern Ireland where the spate of recent killings horrified all decent people and make us wonder what causes can justify such terrible crimes."

British child benefits favour small families

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

CHILD benefit payments for British families with two or more children are smaller than in many other affluent western European countries, though couples with one child fare relatively better, according to a European Commission survey .

From today the current standard allowance of £7.25 a week for every child is dropped in favour of a two-tier structure. First children will attract £8.25 a week and second, or subsequent children, £7.50 a week. In October, the differential will increase to nearly £2, with the former attracting £9.25 a week.

The approach is unique *within the EC, the majority* of whose members weight payments in favour of second and subsequent children, partly to encourage population growth.

In some countries, allowances for second and, particularly, third children can differ widely. France pays nothing for the first child, but £58 a month for the second and £74 a month for the third.

Even where the first child qualifies, the differences can be great. In Belgium the rate for the third child (£106 a month) is virtually three times the rate for the first (£39 a month). Only the Irish Republic, however, continues to raise benefits progressively beyond the fourth child.

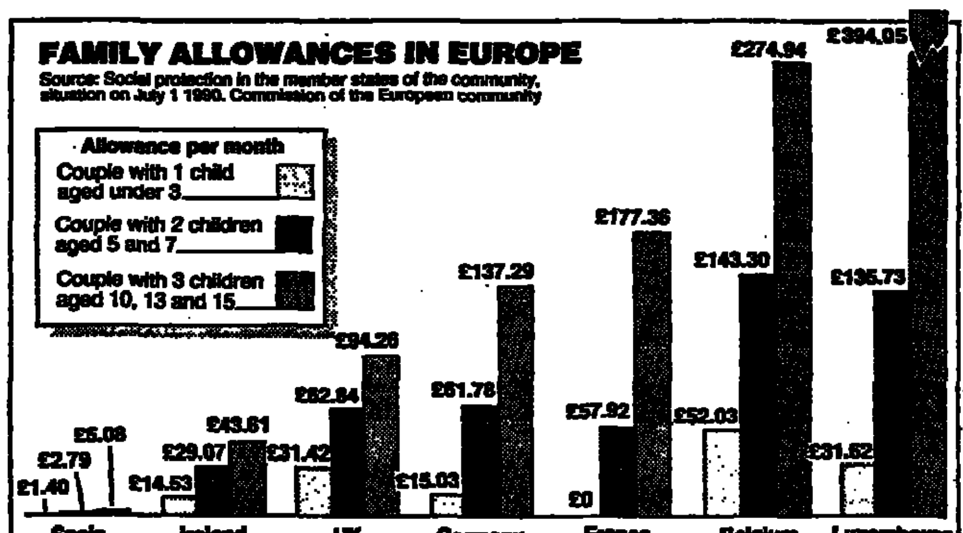
Britain's child benefit system is also unusual for the way it ignores the ages of dependent children. In Belgium, France, *Luxembourg* and The Netherlands older offspring attract higher payments than younger ones. Denmark takes the opposite view, paying an extra £9 a month for a child aged under three.

The survey (see table) shows that, overall, the level of payments in Britain is about average for an EC member. Although Britain was ranked fourth highest out of 11 Community states in terms of child benefit paid for one child aged under three, it slipped to fifth place for payments for two children aged five and six and seventh for payments for three children aged ten, 13 and 15. Belgium and Luxembourg were consistently at or near the top of the table and Portugal, Greece and Spain at *the bottom.*

The Family Policy Studies Centre, an influential think-tank on family issues, said yesterday it was relieved that the government had removed the cloud that had hung over child benefit while Margaret Thatcher was prime minister. But it said the rationale of the new structure was unclear and that other options needed to be explored. Referring to successive Chancellors' refusals to upgrade child benefit during the 1980s, Jo Roll, of the centre's research unit, *said: "A freeze followed by a* compromise does not add up to a clear strategy. Attention should therefore switch from the benefit's survival to its structure".

Ms Roll said it was not certain that all larger families benefited from economies of scale through, for example, handing down clothes from older to younger children and buying food and other goods *in quantity*. Much depended on the gender of the children and their ages. The effect of higher housing costs on larger *families* also *had* to be considered.

If Britain followed the example of most other EC states and slanted payments in favour of larger families, the demographic effects were likely to be minimal, Ms Roll said. In France, which has the most highly "pro-natalist" structure, the birth-rate is almost exactly the same as in Britain.



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Plans to build an envir friendly coal-fired pov tion at Workington, C have been halted by Coal and North Electricity, the regiona *supplier (Nick Nuttall*

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3ritish agents face curbs over sale of homes in US

The dream of a holiday home in Florida is turning into a nightmare to Britons who have been lured by extravagant promises in advertisements. **Paul Wilkinson** traces the pitfalls facing buyers here and the mounting pressure for controls on the developers to sell only through state-licensed brokers

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pressure is mounting for on the developers' British The Florida Real Estate sion is believed to be on the point of tightening its regulations to ensure that selling of properties abroad can only be done through state-licensed brokers. If that happens, agents in this country will be prevented from making the extravagant claims some have done with perfect legal impunity.

Press advertisements have quoted potential high rental income, a practice illegal under state law. People have bought homes only to find they are in areas where short-term lets are banned, although they were not told before signing. Some builders have sold plots they do not own.

Ironically Florida's property dealing laws are among the toughest in a country which is the envy of the world for its strict regulation of the real estate business. In the US, deals are usually done through a licensed broker who draws up a legally binding contract. Every aspect is included, from the finance down to the proverbial kitchen sink. Qualifying as a broker brings a legal liability for everything in the contract. But the broker's services are not mandatory and without a broker the contract is not legally enforceable.

iday home dreams: The Starrs studying brochures for verseas properties. "We have been taken for a ride."

One loser was Dorothy Kennerley who runs a garage business with her two sons in Stoke-on-Trent. Last April she responded to an advertisement in the national press from Overseas Property Shops of Camberley, Surrey. OPS was acting for Genesis Construction of Orlando, which offered to build a three-bedroom home with pool at the Wilderness development outside Orlando within 90 days of the contract being signed.

The $115,000 price included a fully-equipped kitchen and furnishings. It also covered a deal with Home Management Services to maintain and rent out the house when Mrs Kennerley was away.

The house was not ready until the autumn and even now it is not fitted out to the original specifications. She claims that some appliances are missing, others are second hand and much of the finishing work on the building is shoddy. The pool was in danger of permanent damage. HMS said there was no rental income, although the house had obviously been occupied and she received electricity bills. She believes it was used as a show house.

Mrs Kennerley said:"I tried to get things sorted out, but I just could not get anywhere. They advertised they would build us the house of our dreams, but it was just a nightmare. If they were not criminal, they were certainly grossly incompetent." Attempts to get HMS to take action were stalled or ignored, she said.

Stephen Starr, who works for the department of social security in South Wales, approached Genesis and its president, Gary Roszkovki, while on holiday in Florida last June with his wife. "Roszkovki offered us a two-bedroom terrace house with shared pool for $75,000 in the Enclave, a similar development to the Wilderness about five miles away," he said.

"We were told if we put 25 per cent down, they could get us a mortgage for the rest. HMS would manage the property for us and the rents would pay the mortgage repayments. They would keep any profits and would also cover any special outgoings. In essence we would not have to pay another penny." They paid $1,000 on the spot and on their return home wired the balance of the $22,000 deposit to a Florida bank. Genesis promised completion by October and said contact with them would be maintained though their UK agents, OPS.

By August nothing had happened. Calls to Bob Jones, proprietor of OPS, brought assurances that things were moving smoothly but in December Mr Starr was told he had to find a new mortgage company. After four bank changes and reports from another buyer that work had not even started he decided in February this year to pull out. The $22,000 in the Florida bank is safe, but Genesis is still holding his $1,000 deposit, saying it will be returned only when the house finds a new buyer.

"We had been taken for a ride," Mr Starr said. "I have written my $1,000 off and I have told Jones to his face that he is a liar."

Mr Jones admitted there had been problems with projects involving Genesis. "We had faxes saying construction had started and passed this on to the clients. It became obvious by the end of last year that they had financial difficulties and could not produce the properties we had sold on their behalf. We oversold them and they were unable to deliver. We now no longer deal with Genesis." He said OPS had paid out $6,000 of its own money to compensate clients and had been advised by its lawyers to sue for the money. He agreed that there had been "a lot of razzamatazz" in the early days with some of the claims in advertising placed in this country. "It was based on what the developers and the management companies said they could do, and we had no reason to doubt them. I accept some of it might not have been legal in Florida, but it was all right over here. We would never make claims knowing them to be illegal, if we did we were not aware at the time."

Mr Jones' comments along with the complaints from Mrs Kennerley and Mr Starr were put to Mr Roszkowski's office in Florida. He rejected Mrs Kennerley's complaints saying the main delay had been her difficulties in obtaining finance. The completed house was given a certificate of occupancy from the county building inspector.He accused Mrs Kennerley of "ridiculous" and "aggressive threatening behaviour" and being "rude and obnoxious". All but 5 per cent of her list of faults were dealt with the day after she spoke to him. He said nothing on the Starr case or Mr Jones' comments.

Jones: "We had no reason to doubt the developers"

Christopher Marten, the owner of HMS, said they had maintained Mrs Kennerley's property, although she had left them no funds to manage it. She also owed them $600 for damage to another house they had used while theirs was awaiting completion. He rejected suggestions that the property had been used as a show house or had been let with no income. He accused Mrs Kennerley of failing to reply to his attempts to contact her since last November.

Graham Brown, of the British Federation of Overseas Property Development Agents and Consultants, believes that a change in British law is needed, but it is unlikely to come just yet."Estate agents nationally are under pressure to get their act together and we have had it made pretty plain to us that nothing will be done on the international side until the home situation has been sorted out," he said.

Anne Brazier, an English property broker licensed and working in Florida for American International Mercantile, said: "There are tremendous opportunities for Britons wanting to buy a house in Florida but they must do it with their eyes open and seek expert help.

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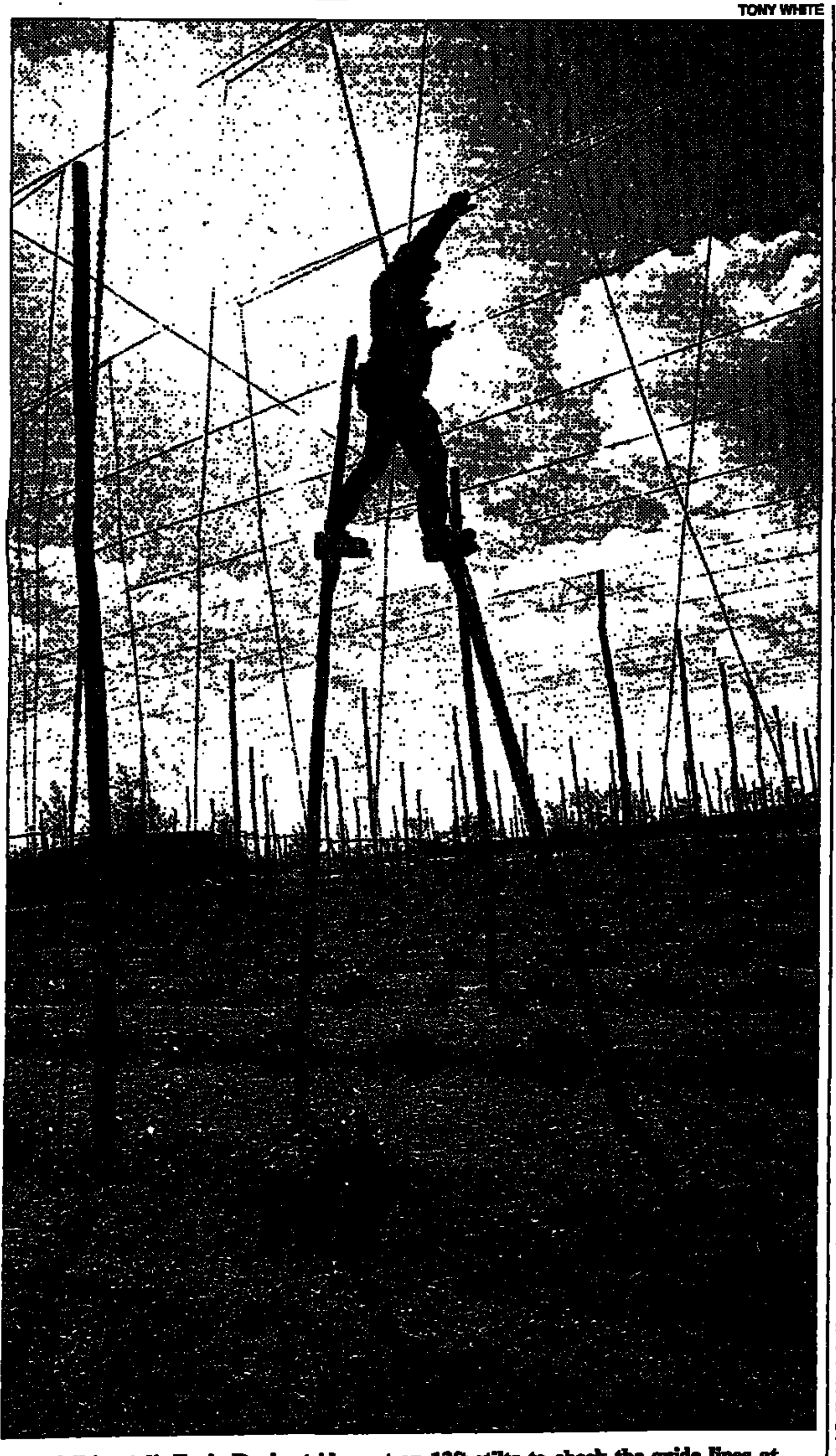

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Rail strikes loom as union fights threat of job cuts

BY TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

MEMBERS of Britain's biggest rail union will begin voting today on industrial action that could bring a series of 24-hour strikes and cause disruption for millions of London Underground users.

At the same time, union leaders representing almost 150,000 British Rail workers from drivers to platform cleaners will be meeting senior management to press for a pay rise of at least 10 per cent after claiming that they have fallen behind other workers.

On the Underground, leaders of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers are confident their 13,000 members will vote for strike action over claims that management is planning to shed at least 2,000 jobs.

Jimmy Knapp, the union's general secretary, said: "After the King's Cross tragedy and other disasters, it is almost beyond belief the management of London Underground wants to reduce the workforce. We are concerned with safety, efficiency and improved service. We know they are in deficit but reducing service is no way to address the problem." He said the management's plan would result in long delays, reduced service, more crowding and reduced safety, making the capital's main artery even more traumatic than at present.

According to a document leaked to the unions, the London Underground management concedes that the loss of a "first phase" of 980 jobs would be likely to prompt industrial action. According to the document, the cuts would have some effect on customer services although they are considered minimal. The union claims the cuts will include weekend closing at some stations, de-staffing others, reducing services and barrier staff, and curtailing opening hours.

Mr Knapp and his executive consider they have no choice but to fight for present staff levels to save London from what they insist would be a drastic curtailment of passenger services.

He said that, if the management were to be let off the hook on the fundamental issue of job losses, it would be free to introduce massive job losses and a huge reduction in train frequency and passenger services.

AGENDA

The week ahead

Today: John Major in Luxembourg for a European Council meeting on security and defence policy. The Archbishop of Canterbury is in Newcastle, Co Down, for an international meeting of Anglican leaders. The Royal Society of Chemistry's 150th anniversary congress opens in London.

Tomorrow: Classical Association conference at Warwick university. Prince of Wales visits work, sport, and leisure seminar in Caister. Royal Horticultural Society spring show in London.

Wednesday: Tories, Labour and Liberal Democrats launch local election campaigns. Kenneth Baker launches crime prevention week. Chilean president arrives on official visit. Princess Royal addresses field *conference of gypsies and* travellers at Sutton Coldfield.

Thursday: Green Party spring conference opens in Bridlington. Weightwatchers present success of the year awards. British Psychological Society annual conference opens in Bournemouth.

Friday: The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh present new colours to the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. Retail price index figures released.

Saturday: *The Times* crossword finals at London Hilton. A rally for John McCarthy, a hostage for six years next week, will present petition at Downing Street, followed by march to Trafalgar Square.

Feathers fly over free range grades

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FEATHERS are flying in the British poultry industry over what kind of birds should qualify for the accolade "free range" under new European Community standards being drawn up in Brussels.

Free range eggs have risen from 2 per cent of egg sales in 1986 to more than 15 per cent today. EC regulations define chicken-run size and the minimum outdoor space and access to daylight for the birds. The free range label is still largely a marketing gimmick covering a variety of products whose experience of the great outdoors may not have gone beyond a passing glimpse of a dirt floor.

The debate turns on whether the term free range should apply only to the method of rearing or should specify also the type of bird. Purists support a minimum slaughter age of 77 days that, in effect, would permit only *traditional, slow-growing* breeds to qualify as free range. The hybrid broiler strains, bred to put on maximum weight in the shortest time and slaughtered between 56 and 66 days, would be excluded because they become too heavy if kept alive longer. Stephen Parker, project director of Home Farm in Suffolk, a division of Sovereign Chicken, one of the main British suppliers of the slow-maturing breeds, said: "Because they grow more slowly and take more exercise, these birds have firmer meat and a stronger flavour. Consumers are assured of a distinctively different product for the 50 per cent extra they are asked to pay for free range chicken."

The biggest British producer of free range birds, which last year accounted for 3 per cent of fresh chicken sales, is Moy Park, a Northern Ireland company. Its chickens are of the same breed as those destined for broiler-houses, where birds never see the light of day and are initially reared in the same way as factory-farm chickens.

At three-and-a-half weeks they are moved into more spacious buildings with access to grassland. Some question whether they should properly be called free range, as they are so little used to exercise that they seldom venture into the open air. The company argues that British consumers are concerned mainly about the humaneness of rearing conditions and that most prefer the blander-tasting and heavier-breasted British broiler to the leaner and more pungent slow-maturing breeds.

Brussels, backed by the government, is reported to be drafting proposals to accommodate all parties. There would be a basic free range category to permit slaughter at 56 days. No more than 12 birds a square metre would be allowed in houses, and birds would have continuous daytime access for at least half their lifetime to open-air runs with space for at least one bird a square metre.

There would then be specialist categories known as "free-range homestead" and "free-range unfenced" laying down much stricter rules on the minimum slaughter age (81 days), feed (at least 70 per cent grain and the rest of vegetable origin) and requiring much greater space. Such a compromise, the purists fear, would blur the definition of free range and allow big producers to exploit a growing market at minimum cost.

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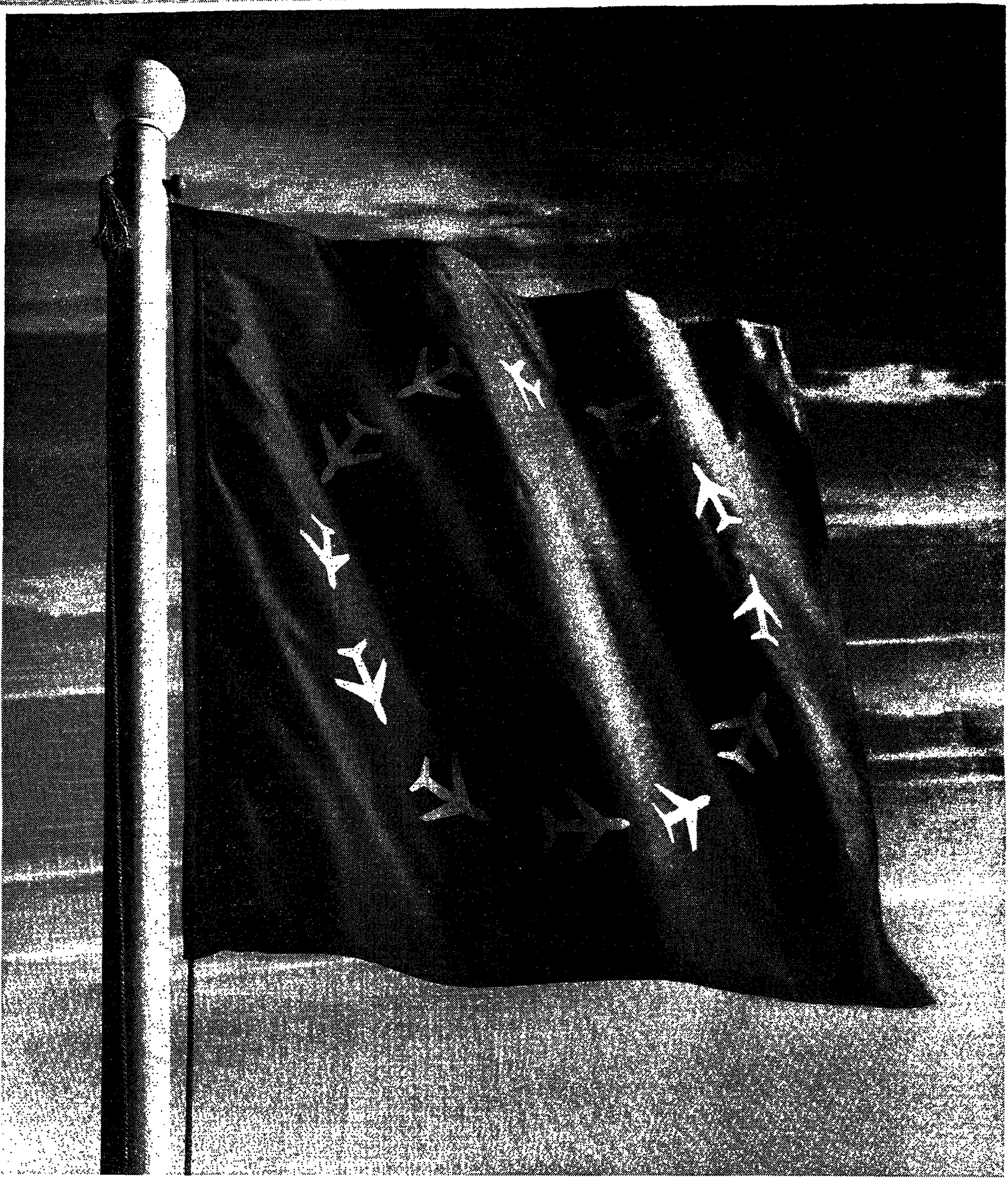

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Crippled navy man fights for MoD cash

A serviceman injured on duty and assessed as needing £100,000 had a shock when the man from the ministry called. Peter Victor reports on his fight

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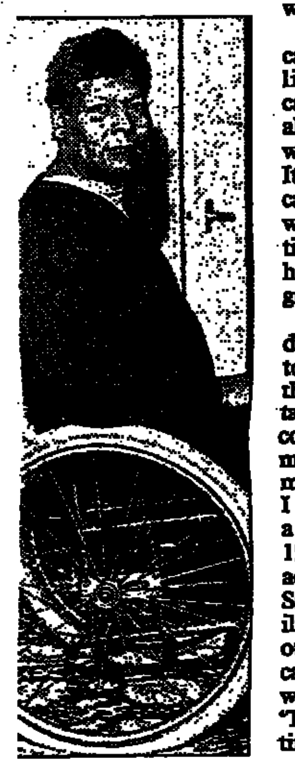

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wife Pat went to see a lawyer while Mr Klingham was in hospital to find out whether she could sue the navy for compensation for her husband's injuries. The lawyer was informed about section 10. "He was gobsmacked," Mr Klingham said. "He'd never come across something so arbitrary in his legal career. It gave the MoD carte blanche to do what it likes to 750,000 people in peace time."

He learned later that the civilian who had been in the boat with him, who suffered a broken arm and leg and other injuries, none of them disabling, received £60,000 in compensation.

Mr Klingham joined the Section Ten Abolition Group. "Jack Ashley campaigned for us brilliantly," he said, referring to the role of the Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent South. "We knew we were going to win. Towards the end of 1986 he gave us the tip that abolition was likely.

"Then we started getting calls from MoD officers. A lieutenant commander came to see me and said that all the fuss we were causing was making things difficult. It was suggested that our cause had a better chance if we shut up. He then mentioned something I'd never heard of before: redress of grievance.

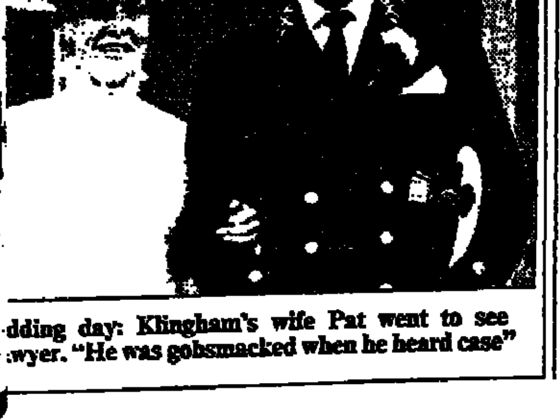
"It's a little-known procedure which the MoD can use to by-pass section 10. It lets them use discretion in certain cases to authorise compensatory payments. In my case, the lieutenant commander said, it was felt that I had a good chance of such a payment. In November 1986 the MoD sent an actuary from the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association to work out how much I'd need. It came to about £100,000. I was elated and thought: 'This is it. After all this time'.

"Then everything went silent until a phone call from the MoD saying they had news for me which would be delivered at 3pm on December 8. The same lieutenant commander arrived bang on at 3pm and handed me a manila envelope while my wife made him a cup of tea.

"I read the letter and then stared at him in disbelief. The letter said it was not MoD policy to make *ex gratia* payments and it would not be doing so in my case. He was very sympathetic and if it had been up to him it would have gone another way. He was just the messenger boy. It was his civil servant master who signed the letter, who made the decision."

What Mr Klingham did not know was that about the same time he was opening his manila envelope at 3pm on December 8, George Younger, then defence minister, was announcing that section 10 was to be repealed but that no one injured before December 8 was entitled to make a claim. What Mr Klingham also did not know was that officers from the MoD were making 3pm deliveries of manila envelopes to other Stag *campaigners around* the country.

The ministry's answer to Mr Klingham's allegations is: "Retrospective compensation is not available to any servicemen injured prior to December 1986. That is the law."



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Talk urged on Dublin claims over Ulster

DICK Spring, the Irish Labour party leader, said yesterday that articles 2 and 3 of the republic's constitution should be on the table for discussion during forthcoming talks on Northern Ireland (a correspondent writes).

It is widely expected that those articles, which include a claim of jurisdiction by the Dublin government over Northern Ireland, will be included on the broad agenda for the negotiations in May which will form part of the initiative by Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary.

Mr Spring, whose party held its annual conference in Killarney at the weekend, said that both sides have to be generous in relation to the political talks. Part of an Irish government's generosity, he said, would be being prepared to look at articles 2 and 3.

A meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference, to be chaired by Mr Brooke and Gerry Collins, Irish foreign affairs minister, will be held in Belfast this week. One further Anglo-Irish conference meeting will be held at the end of this month before the talks process comes fully into operation in May.

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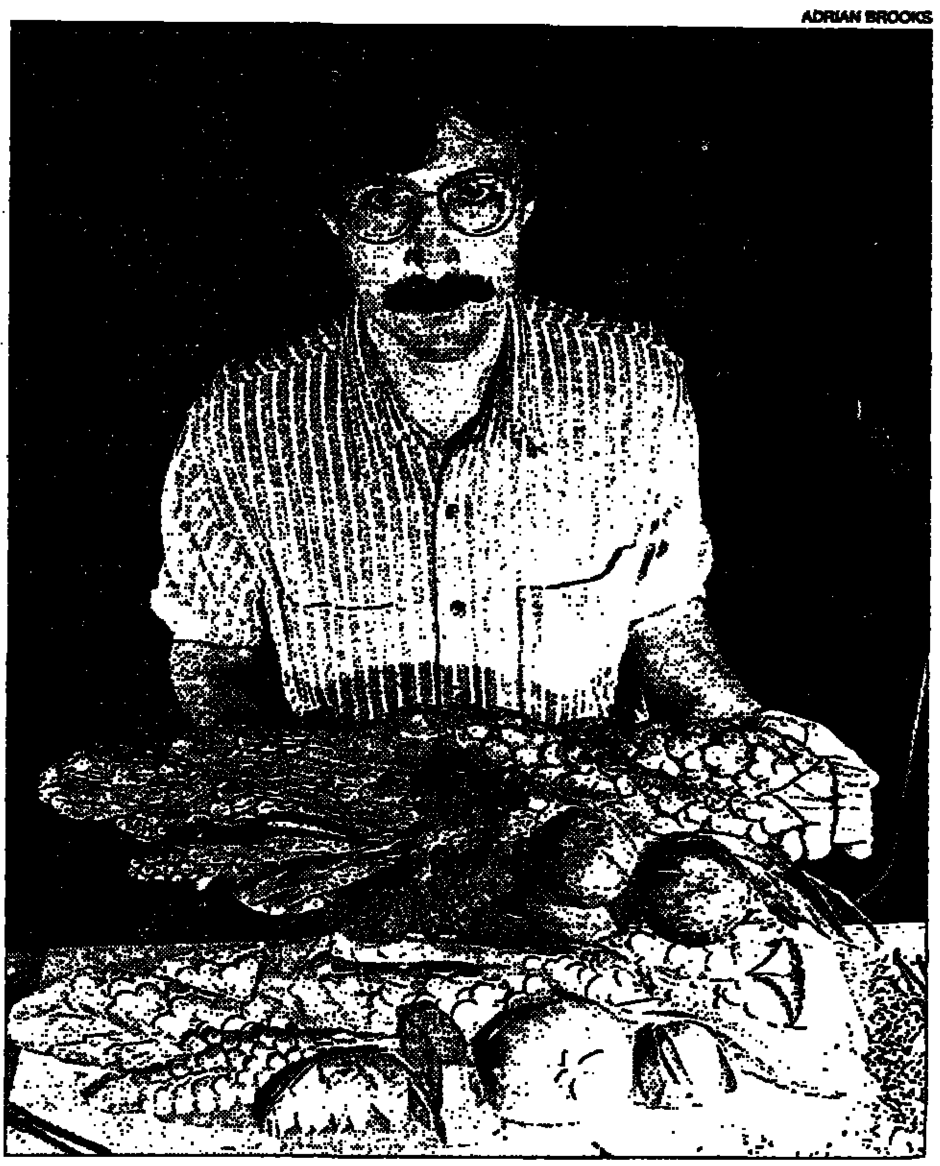

David Esterley with a carving similar to the one he has recreated from photographs

Palace restoration nears completion

By Alan Hamilton

FIVE years ago the Queen went to Hampton Court Palace to survey the damage wrought by a fire the previous night which had virtually destroyed Sir Christopher Wren's 17th century royal apartments. Today she returns, to inspect the final stages of what has been one of the largest rescue missions of its kind.

No one will ever know precisely how the fire started, but it is generally assumed that Lady Daphne Gale, an 86-year-old admiral's widow who lived alone in a grace-and-favour apartment on the upper floor, had an accident with the candle whose light she preferred to electricity. Her body was found in the ruins of her home.

Fire breaks installed in the 1930s proved inadequate. Flames sped along Wren's great timber roof, sending a stout oak beam and many tons of molten lead crashing into the state apartments beneath. Tongues of fire crept along the gaps between oak panelling and walls, severely damaging many of the exquisitely carved Grinling Gibbons limewood panels. The interior was devastated, although almost the entire collection of important paintings and furniture pieces was saved by the prompt action of the palace's volunteer salvage corps.

Such was the historical, architectural and emotive importance of Hampton Court that the government immediately agreed to fund the restoration, a project which by its completion will have cost well over £10 million. Exterior restoration work, including a new roof covered with 140 tons of lead, is now complete, but the interior will not be ready to receive the public again until some time next year.

The Queen will be given a conducted tour by Michael Fishlock, an architect from the Property Services Agency who has supervised a task coveted by many in his profession. Among many craftsmen she will meet Trevor Ellis, who, with the title carver-in-residence has supervised the exact and exacting work of restoring, and in many cases copying, the majestic Gibbons carvings, of which 18 panels were damaged. The one panel entirely lost to the flames has been painstakingly copied from archive photographs by David Esterly, a carver and Gibbons authority brought over from the United States for the task.

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Labour vote-reform lobby backed by leftwing think tank

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR party campaigners for electoral reform will receive a substantial boost from a decision by a leftwing think tank to call for a new system of parliamentary elections.

The Institute of Public Policy Research is to propose the abolition of the existing first-past-the-post system and its replacement by a new procedure containing a strong element of proportional representation. It will publish its proposal on the eve of the Labour party conference in September for maximum impact.

Growing party backing for electoral reform led to defeat for the Labour leadership at last year's conference. Against its wishes, the conference voted to include elections to the Commons in the remit of a working party.

The working party, headed by Raymond Plant, professor of politics at Southampton university, was asked to give priority to systems for election to the Scottish assembly and the European parliament and is not expected to make recommendations on Commons elections before the general election, which should please the labour leadership.

The institute is to propose the complete redrawing of constituencies across the country and a radical variation of the additional member system of election used in Germany. There would be some 250 seats but two members for each seat, giving a Commons of about 500 members. A similar system is proposed for an elected second chamber.

The first member in each seat would be elected on the first-past-the-post system but the second would be an additional member allocated in accordance with the proportion of votes secured by each party in the region in which the constituency lies. The country would be divided into the electoral regions of Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and 12 English regions.

The allocation of the additional members would be the responsibility of the returning officer and not of their party. To be selected a candidate would have to have stood for election, which is not the case in some countries where the party list system operates, and the returning officer would select the candidates who received the highest proportion of votes in their seats. Each constituency would usually have two MPs of different parties.

The proposed electoral changes will form part of a new draft constitution to be recommended by the institute in its September report.

The reform proposals recommend four-year terms for the Commons. They recommend a minimum of 475 and maximum of 525 members for the Commons. The constituencies would be redrawn by an independent electoral commission. The institute will give evidence to the Labour working party, whose membership is well-balanced between enthusiasts such as Jeff Rooker and John Evans and sceptics such as Bryan Gould and Margaret Beckett.

BRYN COLTON

Crowning glory: the Rt Rev Alan Clark, Bishop of East Anglia, blesses the statue of the Virgin Mary at the Catholic shrine in Walsingham, Norfolk, which was given a new crown yesterday to replace the original one, stolen a year ago (John Shaw writes).

A smaller crown on the infant Jesus she holds in her arms was also taken. Both have never been recovered. The shrine marks the spot where Mary is reputed to have appeared in 1061.

The original crowns, worth about £1,000, were used instead of the valuable original, studded with diamonds, rubies and pearls, which is kept in a bank vault. It is only brought out on special occasions, such as the Pope's visit to Britain in 1982. For yesterday's simple ceremony, which consisted of a mass and a procession to the shrine's chapel, the crown was kept in place by a temporary blob of adhesive but the replacements will be screwed down securely.

The bishop said that the ceremony gave a chance to do something domestic that was close to catholic hearts but also gave "an opportunity to do something of much greater significance, to honour Our Lady". He also prayed for the thieves to be forgiven.

About 750,000 pilgrims and visitors pass through the village each year. The original shrine was destroyed in 1538 but restored earlier this century. At the time of the theft, the door of the tiny Slipper Chapel, home of the statue, had been left unlocked. Contributions from catholics have tumbled in since then. The new crowns have been made by Chris Whiting, a jeweller from Rossendale, Lancashire.

Anti-socia behaviou scorned b children

A "SENSIBLE" generation schoolchildren scorns a social behaviour and ca about old people, a survey social attitudes disclo yesterday.

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More than 600 child aged nine to 11 from sch in Scotland and the So East and North-West of E land were questioned. A 90 per cent cited drug-tak vandalism and drink-dri as the worst examples of a social behaviour. They vandalism, shoplifting, gra and racism at the top of th of problems in their com nities. Questioned about a social behaviour at school per cent said truancy was worst offence, followed bullying and copying d examinations.

Professor Ronald Davi consultant educatic psychologist, who helpe carry out the study, "Clearly the efforts of t ers, the government police in asking peop behave sensibly are ge across to the young." survey was carried out by Market Research on beh the Co-operative Whol Society to help it pla community ac programme.

Half of mothers at work soon after child's birtl

Women in work are now more likely to return after having children, in spit of care difficulties, writ Jill Sherman

NEARLY twice as many women are going back to work after having a baby than were ten years ago, and many more women are working full time, according to a government-funded survey published today.

The Policy Studies Institute report shows that nearly half of all women with jobs when they become pregnant go back to work within nine months of having the baby. Ten years ago the proportion was a quarter.

The findings will put further pressure on the government to adopt the European Community pregnancy directive, extending statutory employment protection to all pregnant women regardless of length of service or working hours, which is to be discussed on April 15 by the EC Council of Ministers.

The study, based on interviews with 4,991 mothers who had recently had babies and 502 employers, shows that mothers are now more likely now to go back to full-time work, and to the same job, working for the same employer, than they were ten years ago.

In the early 1980s, mothers who continued to work were mainly interested in part-time jobs, and often left full-time jobs to work in small firms. "The move often resulted in a downgrading in their occupational levels, a waste of their previous skills and a reduction in their hourly rates of pay," says the report.

Now women in full-time work when they become pregnant are just as likely to go back to full-time jobs as part-time. Women employed in the public sector are more likely than those in the private sector to continue working and the more women are paid and the more senior their jobs, the more likely they are to return to work. Nearly 60 per cent of professional and managerial women now return to work, double the number in 1979.

The biggest change has been the increase in the number of women in junior non-manual jobs, such as clerical and secretarial staff, who have continued working. In 1979 about 13 per cent returned to work. This figure is now 35 per cent.

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The survey also sh that mothers still dep heavily upon fathers, o relatives and friends to after babies while they w Although there has been increase in the use of ch minders but there has b little expansion in o formal arrangements child care.

The Equal Opportuni Commission, which fun the study with the empl ment and social secu departments, said: "It obvious there is a need more support for work parents, particularly in private sector, where th has been little gene growth in arrangements ther in small businesses large employers." Joan Foster, chairman of commission, said the g ernment should consi supporting the EC pr nancy directive. "Wom obviously want to return the same job after pregnan and this will enable empl ers to keep a stable a experienced workforce."

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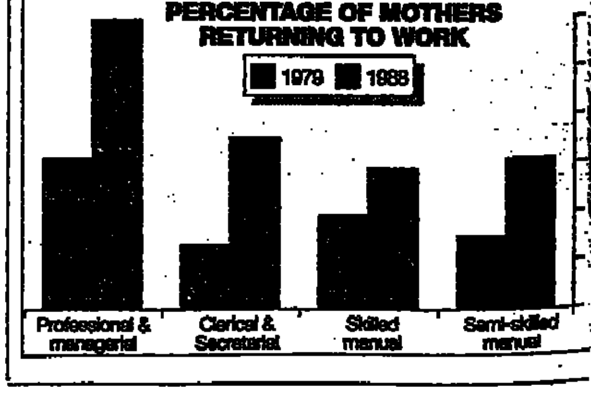

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f the workload involved and because they oppose the standard assessment tasks (SATs) in principle. The NUT's annual conference last week promised support for those who take such action.

In a circular to primary school heads today, the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) says it cannot support a boycott. "Our reservations over aspects of the SATs are well known, but a boycott is, in our view, tactically inept. It will bring teachers into quite unnecessary conflict with governors and local authorities, as well as the law and its requirements."

Quoting the education department's advice that the tests should be carried out by the pupils' class teacher, however, the NAHT strongly advises heads not to take over the work themselves nor to transfer other staff to do it. The association also advised heads to resist pressure to employ temporary staff for the purpose.

Even if teachers are suspended for implementing the boycott, the association says that it would be inappropriate for others to administer the tests. Some assessment will already have taken place, and any replacement will not have been trained.

The advice would ensure the success of any boycott in stopping the tests, but would offer no protection to the teachers involved. The circular says: "Heads may reasonably direct teachers to carry out their professional duties, which clearly include the administration of SATs. Any refusal by a teacher to undertake such administration will be a breach of contract."

The association is advising its members to formally instruct teachers to carry out the tests and to comply with any written requests or instructions to name staff taking industrial action.

David Hart, the general secretary of the NAHT, said yesterday: "There can be no doubt that any teacher who refuses to administer SATs this summer term is likely to be penalised quite severely by their local education authority or their governing body."

The NUT said: "Our advice to everybody is not to boycott this week, but to wait for advice from the union. If they do it unilaterally, we would not be able to support them because they would be in breach of contract and there would have been no ballot to make it a trade dispute."

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Sea defences: sightseers climbing over Swedish granite boulders piled on the beach at Mappleton, Humberside, to help protect the village from the North Sea.

The £1.9 million scheme to save the village, near Hornsea, has made Mappleton a tourist attraction to the annoyance of residents, who are demanding a car park to cope with traffic congestion (Nigel Burnham writes). Villagers have been waiting for years for a coastal protection scheme to be agreed as the sea continued to erode the cliffs and beach, edging closer to their homes.

Preparatory work started in December after negotiations between Holderness borough council, the government and the European Community and thousands of tons of granite have been arriving from Sweden. The council is paying for 30 per cent of the sea wall scheme. The stone will form a protective wall which will be consolidated by two groynes at each end of Mappleton Bay.

When the village was established 200 years ago it was half a mile from the sea. When the sea defence work began, one bungalow was just feet from the crumbling cliff and the church would have fallen into the sea within 50 years.

But the work has attracted large numbers of sightseers and the council's planning committee has voted to pay £1,650 of the £5,500 needed for a temporary car park.

Prayers of thanks for reunions on Orkney

By KERRY GILL

THANKSGIVING was offered yesterday by the congregation of St Margaret's Hope, on South Ronaldsay, for the safe return of the nine Orkney children involved in the alleged ritual sex abuse cases. As prayers were offered by the minister, the parents were still waiting to see if the legal fight would continue.

The Rev Morris McKenzie, aged 63, whose manse was searched by police in connection with the allegations, told the congregation: "We offer prayers for the joy of family life and the reunion of the children with their parents. We pray to give guidance to all those concerned with welfare and we pray for the hurt and the time apart."

Celebrations were overshadowed by the prospect of an appeal against the decision by Sheriff David Kelbie last week to dismiss the case against accused parents. The result of legal consultations in Edinburgh between Gordon Sloan, reporter to the children's panel, and his QC, on whether to challenge the findings are expected to be known either late today or tomorrow.

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I engaged one in conversation, pretending to be one of them. 'When did you join?,' I asked offhandedly. He looked at me with suspicion and I realised I had revealed myself. 'You don't join,' he said, 'you belong.' 'What made you belong?,' I asked, covering my gaffe. 'Usual things,' he rejoined, 'values, standards, good taste.' 'World going to pot?' I ventured. He looked at me sadly. 'World would be a better place if people went to pot more often,' he said, and wandered away to a display of Victorian mustard baths.

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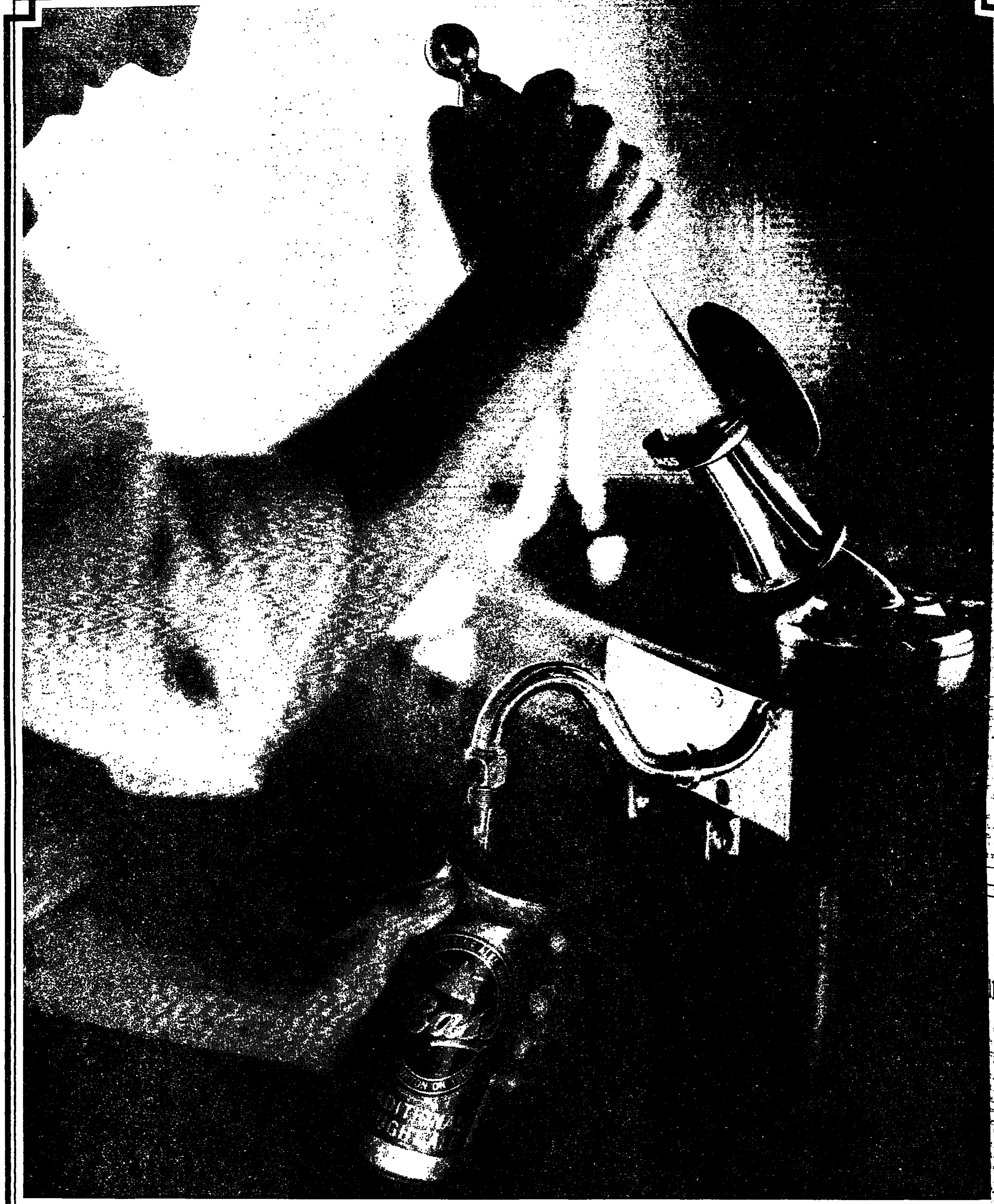

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Rosalind Miles tells Victoria McKee why the male is deadlier than the female

he trigger, three years ago, was "yet another wave of crime statistics saying that violent and sexual crime the increase" — similar to released last month. It sed Dr Rosalind Miles — own for her writings on and their rights — into ing the rites (and wrongs) of iolence, she decided, was a ne issue, and she was begin- suspect that it was illogical to "women's issues" from those

an extraordinary phenom- at violence is almost exclu- arried out by men, and that also the main victims," says s, whose book, *The Rites of* rafton, £14.99), is published rday. She cites a 1988 US ment of Justice report that han 90 per cent of murderers le", and a Home Office al bulletin of 1989 which that more than 53 per cent ms are men. "If there were g else that was so gender- ned we'd be looking at it refully," Dr Miles says. is talk about violence — but ver say male violence."

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recent trial of Kevin Hicks, nselhusband" sentenced to ars' imprisonment for ning his wife, the family mer, to death when she d to leave him and take the with her, a psychiatrist that his actions might ve been predicted, given natural state of his mar-

we must not assume that ger is natural or biological. address the roots of their says Dr Miles, a former e (she became the country's youngest JP at the age of 28) as well as an academic and author. "Teachers have told me they see it in boys as young as seven, when the hormonal argument could not possibly come into play. We need to at least grapple with these questions because we're locked into treating it as natural and inevitable and then trying to mop up the results.

"Over the past 20 or 25 years we have given enormous attention to women — 'women are angry', and justifiably so. We composed the charge sheet. We then proceeded to convict men of all these crimes against womankind. And the mass media have enthusiastically supported it because they'd much rather problematise women than problematise men, because women have always been the problem and men have been the norm. Now I think we need to start giving some help to men."

So, for the past three years, Dr Miles has been frequenting pubs and police stations, sex shops and doctors' surgeries and interviewing hundreds of men of all ages and classes.

"I can't tell you how depressing it was," she says. "When I had the idea for the book everyone said I would never get these men to open up to me. But part of it is having the nerve to ask the questions that nobody dares to ask because it's too intimate, too painful."

Such as? "Well, everyone thinks it's difficult to ask men about sex. That's no problem. They'll chatter about it forever, especially to an interested female who's hanging on their every word. The great thing is to get them to talk about humiliation and fear, because their great fear is of loss of face. It's linked to the way they see their manhood."

But what has this got to do with violence? Everything, according to Dr Miles, whose heroes include the Prince of Wales and the prime minister "because of the way they manage to accomplish what they want without bluster and swagger", but who fears that the aspirational role model for most men has not altered very much from the days of Vlad the Impaler.

"Women collude with the creation of heroes and supermen," she says. "We expect unrealistic things of men. We need to be able to love them more as they are and less as we'd like them to be."

The violence she writes about is drawn mostly from a world where even the most powerful intellectual arguments hold no sway before a fist, knife, or broken bottle. But while Dr Miles emphasises that most men are not violent, she believes they share a common experience of the "toughening" rituals of manhood, which are as recognisable in the English public school as in the ancient Spartan "contest of whips", in which 14-year-old boys were expected to stoically withstand flogging.

Too often the notion of manhood is inextricably linked with pain: either bearing it "manfully" or being able to inflict it on others. "Partly because of their conditioning to violence and pain a lot of men don't hear messages from women until it hurts," Dr Miles says. "Which could be why the vast majority of divorces are initiated by women, as a last resort. But what happens to the men who are dumped — and to that generation of little boys torn between their mother and their father?"

Her investigation of the sexual aids industry convinced her it was "an industry of desperation for men. It's heartbreaking. The identification of self is very sad." Is it any sadder than a woman's obsession with having perfect breasts, or the perfect size ten figure? Yes, Dr Miles says, because women are more likely to punish themselves for their imperfections than take out their resentment in violent ways on others. "And if women work out with weights it's usually for narcissistic reasons," she says. With men, from the original Olympic athletes training and straining to be "the masculine ideal in the eyes of other men" to the paunchy executive posturing in his private gymnasium, it is about "power and potency".

The book would make bleak reading were it not for its "21st century blueprint for boys' survival". Dr Miles's blueprint for a less violent world includes "bringing the father of every baby boy into the close circle of his care from the moment of birth", encouraging and teaching boys "to honour their emotions as much as they do their anatomical attributes" and reorganising schools and sporting activities "to eliminate all violence and bullying".

And, Dr Miles says: "We can begin by asking not why boys become so aggressive, but how they can avoid it. We need to spend more time with our sons and give them stimulating things to think about, instead of violence."

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"Women collude with the creation of supermen": Dr Rosalind Miles with an ancient male role model

Fab and groovy are cool again

American city slang: if a word is in the dictionary, it is definitely 'geek city'

IF YOUR children dragged you to see the Mutant Turtle film, you might imagine that when young Americans approve of something these days they utter such expressions as "radical, dude" or "awesome". But no New York kid worth his "airs", as the state-of-the-art trainer is called, would be heard dead using such prehistoric language.

Say, for example, that you met an interesting member of the opposite sex at a social event. If you are a male under 25, you might say you were "getting stupid" when you saw this really "nasty zimmer". To "get stupid" means to attend a party, a "zimmer" is a girl and "nasty" is the current, though already fading, term of strong appreciation among the young of America's big cities.

Pupils call each other homeboys, or 'homies'

The lifecycle of slang is so short these days that you can be sure that if you hear it in a film or on television you are talking "geek city" (obsolete). The compilers of the *Oxford English Dictionary* are now trying to nail down new American usage worthy of immortality. Since they require at least two published examples, they are certain to pass over most of the ever-shifting lexicon that the tribe uses to define its territory and membership.

White middle-class teenagers are adopting the street idiom of rap so quickly that the real rappers are being forced to invent at an ever-increasing pace to preserve their mystique. For example, at the United Nations International School in Manhattan, about as far from the ghetto as you can get, the pupils call each other homeboys, or "homies", the already ageing black gang term for a buddy. They "diss" (show disrespect for) each other, a black term from the late Eighties that has already been largely replaced by "plexin", as in "quit plexin me, man". "Nasty" is also near the end of its life, replaced by "dope" and "smokin", as in "that house is smokin" or "that car is real dope".

The reversal of meaning as a code for the initiated is nothing new. French students started saying *C'est terrible* for something good in the early Sixties and now you can hear President Mitterrand using it. President Bush, who is notorious for his awkward excursions into the argot of the young, told some school pupils recently that he did not like being "dissed". (Mr Bush's use of "yo" and "hey" is also an attempt to sound cool.)

The New York school system found the teenage language was evolving so quickly that it equipped teachers with a glossary to help them understand their pupils. Among its terms were "poppin junk" (gossip), "beam up" (get high), to "audi" (to run), "maxin" (to relax), "Bust this!" (Look!) and to "base" (argue).

With the return to Sixties fashion, it was only logical that American youth would excavate some of the golden oldies. The slang of 1991 includes such terms as "groovy" and "fab". And there is one term that has survived the vicissitudes of time to remain cool since its birth more than four decades ago: the word "cool" itself.

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A guilty picture of innocence?

The use of a naked and blindfolded young girl in a glossy advertisement raises the question of exploitation

Call it bad taste, call it bad timing, but the line between "creative" advertising and child pornography comes perilously close to dissolving in an advertisement in this month's issue of *The World of Interiors*. Backer Spielvogel Bates, the French agency which produced the advertisement for Puiforcat, a cutlery, glass and jewellery shop, seems to be genuinely upset by the suggestion that there might be anything offensive about its photograph of a naked child blindfolded by an expensive silver bracelet.

Carole Sagna, the copywriter, opens her defence with the declaration that the other account they work on is Fisher Price toys, by pointing out that she is the mother of a six-year-old girl, that she goes to church every Sunday and that her mother is working on a book on child sex abuse in Europe. Nobody in France, it seems, has read such sexual connotations into the advertisement. "It is a very stylised image — not a question of skin and flesh, just lines which are very symbolic and pure," Mme Sagna says. "The child is innocent and pure, just as silver is a very pure metal."

And the blindfold bracelet? "It is not made of ivory, and has nothing to do with vivisection," Mme Sagna digresses, perhaps familiar with the British tendency to give more to the RSPCA than the NSPCC.

But Chris Stride, of the Planning Partnership in London, a marketing company, sees a parallel between this kind of image and the anti-fur campaigns. "You have the juxtaposition of innocence and indulgence, which people will find deeply offensive."

Mr Stride thinks there is "a great risk in over-intellectualising these things. I suspect it's often just creative people trying to be different rather than an overt attempt to be subversive or say anything about dominance."

But it is precisely this use of children as fodder for the image machine that is so disturbing. In fact, as Guy Cumberbatch, a psychologist at Aston university, in Birmingham, points out, research at the Gracewell Clinic for child sex offenders indicates that this kind of "arty" picture would be of marginal interest to the paedophile.

A more pressing danger is the intellectualising of such images — giving them quasi-artistic status dulls our natural sensitivities. If it is "art", we say it must be all right.

Children have been used heavily as marketing tools over the past few years. Perhaps this child lying in a submissive pose on a photographer's studio floor is the inevitable culmination.

Easy, then, to accept Mme Sagna's explanation of the blindfold: "We cover the eyes, because we don't want to put the child in the story between you and the bracelet. This way, she is like a frame." And, of course, if the photographer and creative director could see her eyes they might see not an image "rich in sensual evocation", as the advertisement has been described in a French marketing journal, but just a six-year-old child who would probably rather be outside playing hopscotch.

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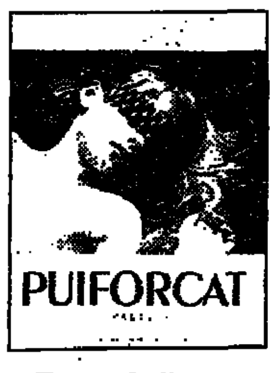

Close to the line: the French advertisement

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Exodus adds to the Kurds' long history of suffering

From MICHAEL BINYON IN CUKURCA, ON THE IRAQI FRONTIER

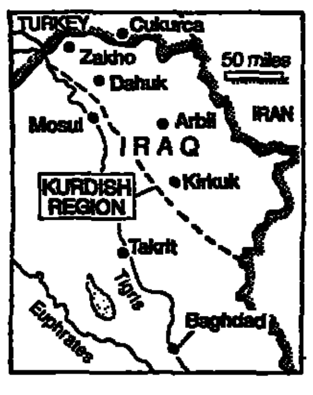
LIKE a line of ants, the trail of human misery snaked down the side of the gorge to the rickety suspension bridge over the brown and swollen Zap river. A Turkish soldier guarded the entrance to the bridge, allowing the Kurds across in groups of about 20.

They shuffled over, weary, ragged and clutching a few sacks of possessions, all they could salvage for the six-day trek across the mountains. Relief was waiting on the other side, lorries parked on the shingle beside the river distributing cheap rubber shoes, bread, water, biscuits and whatever supplies fellow Kurds from nearby Hakkari could get down to their desparate Iraqi kindsmen.

The scene was one of overwhelming turmoil and wretchedness.

People set themselves down in weary groups by the river, the unshaven men in dirty, torn jackets and baggy trousers or long striped garments like outsize pyjamas, women in billowing coloured dress with shawls and overalls, children in garish party dresses that were torn and mud-caked. Others milled around among the stubby thorn trees, calling out for friends and relatives clustering around the lorries, trying on shoes and opening bags of biscuits. Some just stood there smoking, confused, exhausted, their wills destroyed.

One or two people spoke a smattering of English, and many more could speak passable Arabic. They had no idea what the world would do for them, but there was an expression of hopelessness and devastation on their dark faces as they pressed around, anxious to tell any Westerners of their sufferings.



Most had come from Dahuk, four days' walk away and now apparently a ghost town. One man showed his lacerated bare feet, the hardened skin cracked and raw from the long march. "My mother, my father, my brother — all gone," he said. "There were 10 in my family, only I am left." He presumed they were all dead, but they could have just gone missing in the exodus. Another man, eager to give his name as Salih Abid Haji, was also alone. "Saddam Hussein's soldiers took my mother and father and brother," he said. He proudly admitted he was a member of the Kurdish resistance forces.

All insisted that chemical bombs had been dropped on the fleeing refugees. There were aircraft, helicopters, and soldiers firing in the hills. The accounts were rambling and confused, and seemed to repeat incidents that are fast becoming the tragic folklore of the suffering Kurdish people.

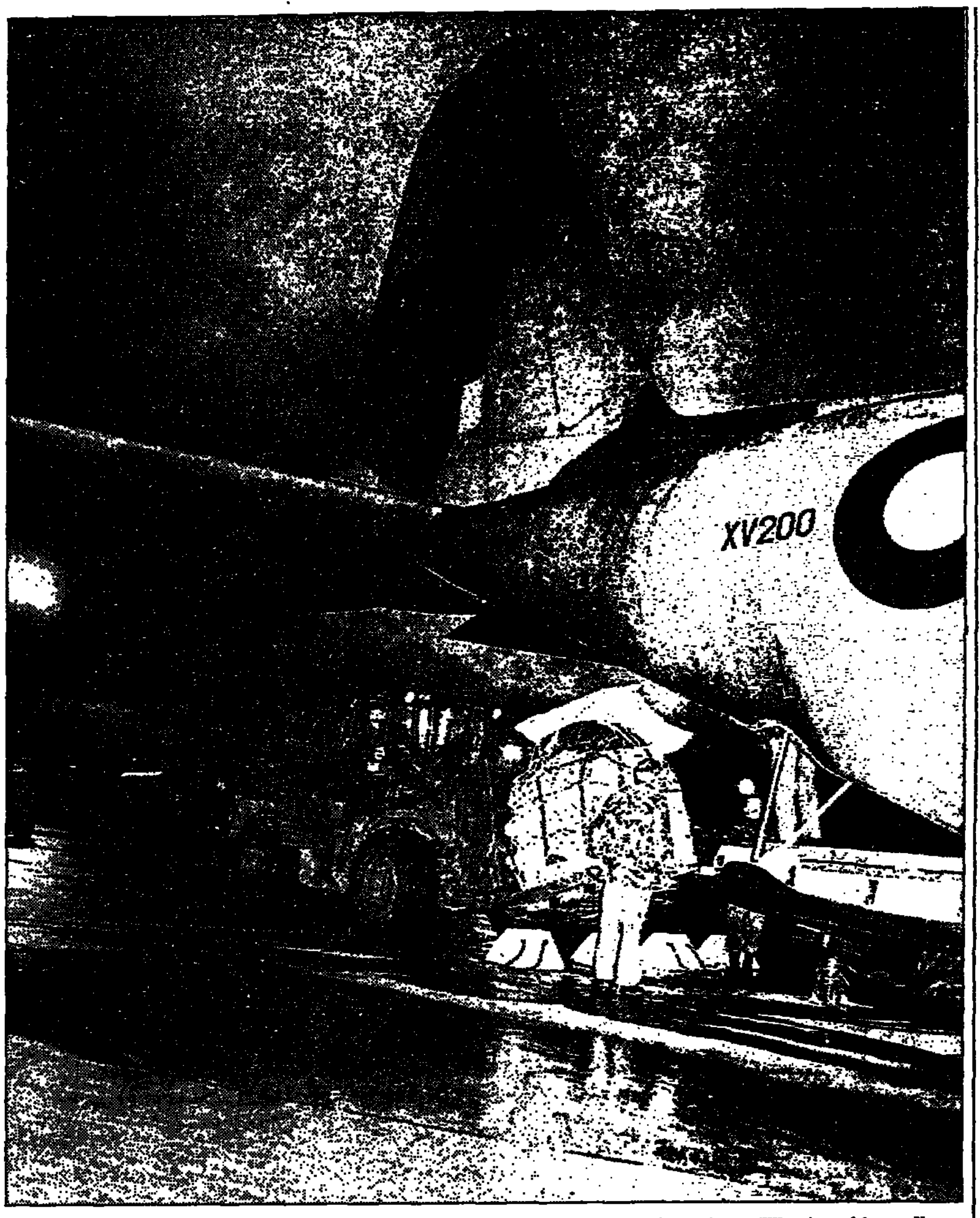
Among a cluster of rocks a toothless grandmother in black headscarf and shawl had settled herself and spread out a blanket. Children jumped around, nibbling bread and biscuits, chattering and laughing. It could almost have been a picnic. The sun shone, the cliffs rose high and jagged on either side with little yellow flowers peeping out among the craggy overhangs. But on the far side, way, way up, there was an endless line of people slowly moving along a precipitous track — little blobs of colour patiently zigzagging down in an endless stream.

The riverbank was filling up quickly. The refugees had begun to arrive only a short while earlier, having found a short cut from Iraq that skirted the camp hard on the border where thousands are now confined, guarded by Turkish soldiers and likely to stay within yards of the country they abandoned until some international relief brings them to more permanent settlement.

A city administrator from Van, the only big city in this desolate region, six hours away over the mountain roads, was attempting to assess the flow of refugees. He had little idea of how many people had come or how many more would arrive. The Turks are clearly overwhelmed by the influx, but are reluctant to allow the Kurds in Turkey to make the refugees really welcome. Local villagers spoke of Turkish army patrols preventing them from bringing cheese or fruit to the Kurds. But like all stories here this was hard to verify.

The local administration has clearly begun a massive relief effort, and lorries with bread and other emergency rations were streaming down to the border throughout the night. The few soldiers on the road to Cukurca were making no attempt to halt the refugees' push to get deeper into Turkey, although some people were being helped up into lorries and taken away — probably to another makeshift camp.

American embassy staff have been down here, wading through muddy tracks to see for themselves the conditions of the refugees and try to assess what is needed. And all day more and more keep coming, the long, thin line of a nation fleeing this latest and most bitter collapse of the long struggle for a free and independent Kurdistan.



Relief run: one of three Hercules transport planes being loaded yesterday at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, with supplies for Kurds. The aircraft were carrying more than 30 tonnes of tents, blankets and food to be dropped over northern Iraq

America likely to give more aid

From MICHAEL BINYON IN VAN, TURKEY

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, will visit a refugee camp for Iraqi Kurds on the Turkish border today. He is expected to announce immediate further relief measures to help Turkey cope with the Kurds camped in desperate conditions in the mountains.

Mr Baker arrived in Ankara from Washington last night at the start of a hastily arranged Middle East visit to assess the plight of Kurdish refugees and the aftermath of the Gulf war. He will hold talks with President Ozal on arrival.

His visit to a-refugee camp is intended to repair the damage to America's standing here by its refusal to intervene in the rebellion in Iraq or supply weapons to President Saddam Hussein's opponents. Washington has already announced emergency aid amounting to $10 million (£5.6 million) and officials have been inspecting camps in remote gorges.

Mr Baker will fly to Diyabakir, a large Turkish base not far from the Iraqi border and then travel by military helicopter to one or more of the camps, strung out along the passes into Iraq.

The Turks are expected to press him for a cash commitment to cover the cost of helping the refugees who are being kept on the border by the Turkish army. Turkey has said it cannot afford to admit the estimated 250,000 now trying to get in, and will open its gates only if the West promises to resettle at least half the Kurds. Turkey has told Iraq that it will not stand by if there are further attacks on the Kurds. But President Ozal said that Turkey would not intervene in the fighting in Iraq as it was not one of the belligerents during the Gulf war.

Western government are preparing to drop food, blankets, tents and medicines to speed up relief efforts, hampered by the mountain roads. Two RAF planes are expected to begin dropping supplies today.

Baker trip takes Israelis by surprise

From PAUL ADAMS
IN JERUSALEM

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, returns to the centre of the Arab-Israeli conflict later today, less than a month after his last visit to Jerusalem.

The hastily planned trip has caught both Israelis and Palestinians by surprise. Despite President Bush's characterisation of the mission as "another consultative trip", both sides are expecting Mr Baker to do more talking this time. His discussions tomorrow with Israeli and, probably, Palestinian leaders will take place in the same charged atmosphere as his March visit. Palestinians from the occupied territories have again been banned from entering Jerusalem, and police reinforcements have been ordered into the city.

Israeli officials yesterday played down media reports of heavy American pressure. According to Israel radio, little time was spent on the Baker mission at the morning cabinet session, despite the presence of Israel's ambassador to Washington, Zalman Shoval.

Mr Shoval said afterwards that Israel's relations with the Arab world would be at the top of the agenda. "The central issue is whether the Arab states will finaly make up their minds to recognise Israel's right to exist in this area," he said. Officials were reluctant to discuss reports that Mr Baker would be pushing for a regional peace conference and Israeli reaffirmation of United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, which call for Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory.

David Levy, the foreign minister, said Israel had already accepted resolutions 242 and 338, but refused to say what he meant by that. "If we state our interpretation, the Arab states will say we torpedoed the negotiations," he told Israel Radio. "If we accept the interpretation of Arabs or others, what is the purpose of negotiations?"

The housing minister, Ariel Sharon, said Israel had already implemented 242 and 338 by withdrawing from the Sinai peninsula. He urged the prime minister to stand firm on the question of settlements, another issue expected to be high on Baker's agenda.

Defiant Saddam claims victory

Nicosia — Saddam Hussei claimed that his forces ha smashed the rebellion again his rule, which he said was key part of the allies' plot t "tear the country apart (Michael Theodoulou writ from Nicosia).

Not since Mongol hord besieged Baghdad in the 13 century had Iraq had survive an "epic confrontation", said in a typically braz speech to mark the 44 anniversary of the founding Iraq's ruling Baath par Saddam said the governme was firmly committed to t Baath party's founding pr ciples of secularism and p Arabism.

Since the allied victo Iraqi and pro-Iraqi columni in Arab newspapers regula call the American presid Hulagu Bush, after Geng Khan's notorious grand who razed Baghdad.

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Paris — General Michel Ac the rebel Lebanese Chris leader who took refuge in French embassy in Beirut October, could leave Leba soon. Farez Boueiz, the L nese foreign minister, said a French radio station tha general could leave when t nical details, notably fina ones, have been settled. (

Embassy shot

Stockholm — Several were fired from Iraq's bassy in Stockholm wh group of Kurds tried to the building, police said. said a fire broke out whe Kurds threw "some in mable material" but caus serious damage. Abou Kurds were held. *(Reute*

Rebels accuse

Baghdad — Thousanc Iraqi soldiers capture rebels have been transfer Iran and handed over Iraqi Shia opposition g the official media said The army newspaper *Qadissiya*, said charges being levelled against I official letters to the U Nations. *(AFP)*

Pope's appea

Rome — The Pope spea 10,000 people in St Square, Rome, urge international commu relieve the suffering Iraqi Kurds, saying th vival was at stake. I pealed to the "consci the leaders of nations"

First observers may be in place this week

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations Security Council is expected to give the go-ahead today for the deployment of UN observers in the Gulf, paving the way for the withdrawal of allied troops from Iraq.

Iraq's formal acceptance of the security council's tough ceasefire terms at the weekend means that the first UN observers could be in place by the middle of this week. The force should be fully deployed within two weeks.

The UN secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, has proposed a 1,440-man force, to be known as the UN Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission, or Unikom. The force will establish a 120-mile demilitarised zone along the barren, uninhabited Iraq-Kuwait border, extending six miles into Iraqi territory and three miles into Kuwait.

Unikom will include 300 military observers, supported by 680 infantrymen and 300 field engineers to clear mines. The ground troops will be backed by fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. The security council, which called for the creation of the UN-policed buffer zone as one of its ceasefire terms, must give the operation its formal backing in a vote, expected today.

Tripoli hits at Baghdad

From REUTER
IN NICOSIA

LIBYA yesterday criticised Iraq for accepting UN Security Council terms for a permanent ceasefire in the Gulf, saying Baghdad had forced Arabs to drink from the "cup of humiliation".

The official Libyan news agency Jana said in a commentary: "On a black, sad day that hit Arab masses with a lightning bolt, the Iraqi government accepted the humiliating security council resolution for a ceasefire in the Gulf war. No one would have believed that Iraq could accept this humiliating decision even if it had to disappear from the map . . .

Desert shield: an American worker standing behind a protective barrier as the blaze was tackled yesterday

Nitrogen stops Kuwait oil fire

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A SMALL victory in the war against the blazing Kuwaiti oil fields was claimed yesterday when an American team extinguished the first wellhead fire without using explosives. Experts with Boots and Coots, one of the leading companies at work in the Burgan oil fields, put out the fire by pumping liquid nitrogen down a cylinder to force out oxygen feeding the fire.

Traditional, time-consuming methods involve digging pits and setting explosives. By proving that liquid nitrogen can be used to snuff out the flames, the team said it was hoped that they could move more rapidly through the burning fields than had previously been thought. The cylinder was fitted to a huge bulldozer while water was sprayed around the fire's base to avoid re-ignition.

Larry Flak, an oil engineer from Houston, Texas, who is co-ordinating the firefighting effort, said: "It is a small victory. Now we can go from well to well, co-ordinating the entire firefighting effort without a lot of rigging-up or preparation."

Boots Hansen, in charge of the Boots and Coots team in Kuwait, said: "We are trying to get it down where we can just do it with the nitrogen." He said that well fires which were burning vertically in the air, about half of the blazes, might be controlled by the method. Mr Flak added: "For the fires that are large balls of flame at ground level, we are not going to be able to use this technique."

Experts say these will still require explosives, digging, and millions of gallons of cooling water pumped in from the Gulf. Engineers have also brought in water from the Gulf to the Ambadi field through pipelines.

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EC leaders in a quandary as Mr Enigma goes to Luxembourg

Europe does not know what to make of Madame No's successor. But eventually he has to reveal his hand, George Brock writes from Brussels

Major travels to Luxem- for his second European today and the rest of the at still does not know what ke of him. Margaret r, often known on this side hannel as Madame No, has laced by Mr Enigma.

Thatcher's style on these s was about as enigmatic through a window pane. other leaders prefer Mr cosier style, but his real ns are still hidden. They d only two chances to m: the European Commu- mit in Rome in December keynote speech in Ger- ast month. After both occasions, pundits tied themselves in knots trying to work out the new man in Downing Street. "Is it a question of style or substance? We think both," said *Politiken* of Copenhagen, sitting on the fence along with others.

Summits are often affected by external events, and this one will be overshadowed by the Kurdish issue. Mr Major nimbly stepped in ahead of his colleagues by suggesting that the summit discuss more aid to the refugees streaming across Iraq's borders. With Britain supporting the United Nations resolution passed in New York on Friday night, the prime minister looked well placed alongside President Mitterrand of France to nudge Europe into a united front and put maximum pressure on President Saddam Hussein short of military action.

Such a consensus would divert attention from the agenda on postwar Gulf policy for which the summit was called. The meeting is being held at the request of Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, who with his German counterpart, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, is alarmed by the slow and tentative progress being made in the twin conferences on monetary and political union. They issued a traditional Franco-German appeal for haste but, after much criss-crossing of the continent, their attempts to pre-empt the conclusions of the conferences appear to have been blocked by a coalition, including Britain.

The changes in Mr Major's approach to Europe are tactical shifts, derived from watching Mrs Thatcher win few battles after the mid-1980s and lose many. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, has written to his Whitehall colleagues imploring them to avoid positions which will isolate them in European debates and to shape policy with allies in mind, and has also been acting to block the wilder schemes that have been proposed by the Mediterranean nations.

The prime minister has sought whatever common ground can be found with Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, particularly in the discussion over monetary union. Washington, which watches the European power game from a distance but with anxiety at the moment, is coaxing the partnership closer together. "This is the relationship that matters," said a senior American diplomat. "France is the odd man out."

Britain wants to be at the heart of Europe, Mr Major told his appreciative German audience last month. But a smile and a soundbite are not a programme. British policy in Europe is still one of charming reluctance. Under Mr Major, the resistance to ideas from others is more skilfully mounted, but it is still easier to say what British policy is against, rather than what the government wants. In the end, Mr Major must declare his hand.

Kremlin overrules Russia on choice of Moscow police chief

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

g-running struggle for of the Moscow city ok a new turn at the when the Russian on approved the ap- nt of a new police ly to have the de- scinded within hours ree from the central, terior ministry.

development shows so-called "war of tween Russia and the as not subsided, de- re conciliatory state- y Boris Yeltsin, the s leader, at the end of 's Russian congress. ve also shows the Federation openly ith the Moscow city gainst the centre on a f crucial importance lance of power in the nion as a whole.

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ers on the city coun- the former police sed to accept the ointment and Mr remained at his ither side was pre- yield and the stale- ended, temporarily pears, when President Gorbachev decreed that control of the capital's policing should become the direct responsibility of the Soviet interior ministry.

Mr Bogdanov was transferred to the central interior ministry and Ivan Shilov, a deputy interior minister, was put in charge of a new central department responsible for the Moscow police. The decision led to a hunger strike by ten radical city councillors in support of General Komissarov, which is continuing.

The transfer of responsibility for Moscow's police followed resolutions by the Soviet parliament and government to ban a pro-Yeltsin demonstration in Moscow on March 28, and was widely linked to those measures. Mr Gorbachev, it was believed, could not afford to have the policing of the capital controlled by a potentially hostile city council at so sensitive a time.

The federation congress opened on March 28 in siege conditions. The Kremlin was surrounded by military lorries and the centre of Moscow was sealed off. In those circumstances, the congress decided to declare as unconstitutional the ban on demonstrations. On Saturday, in a direct challenge to the centre, the Russian Federation used the congress mandate to declare as unconstitutional the transfer of responsibility for the Moscow police, and again announced the appointment of General Komissarov. Within the hour the Soviet interior ministry had issued its decree, rescinding the Russians' decision and reannouncing the appointment of Lieutenant-General Shilov as "first deputy Soviet Union interior minister and acting head of the Soviet interior ministry's main department for Moscow and the Moscow region". The message was clear that President Gorbachev and the central authorities have no intention of sacrificing control of the Moscow police, whatever new mandate the Russian government might think it has.

The battle for control over policing the capital has echoes elsewhere in the Soviet Union, where the central interior ministry finds its decisions are not necessarily implemented by democrat-dominated local councils. In Moscow, however, it has been especially fierce, because the stakes are so much higher: control of law enforcement in the Soviet capital, which includes the seat of national as well as republic and city power.

● KIEV: Stepan Khmara, the Ukrainian supreme soviet deputy released after almost five months of imprisonment without trial, said yesterday that he would co-ordinate attempts by the republic's 140,000 striking coal miners to organise a campaign of civil disobedience.

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Glowing faith: Albanians lighting candles at midnight Mass in the first free Easter celebration in Tirana for 24 years

Yeltsin joins Easter celebrants

From Bruce Clark in Moscow and Our Foreign Staff

BORIS Yeltsin, the leader of the Russian Federation, and senior Soviet officials joined worshippers at Easter services yesterday, giving an official stamp to the Russian Orthodox Church's most important holiday, which is held a week later than in the West. For a second year, the service was televised, allowing millions of viewers to witness what for decades had been a private or underground event.

Mr Yeltsin, the country's most popular politician, stood in the centre of a special section in the vast Epiphany Cathedral in Moscow, the seat of Russian Orthodoxy, which was jammed by thousands of people after midnight. He and Valentin Pavlov, the prime minister, and Sergei Stankevich, the deputy mayor of Moscow, placed lighted candles in a gilt stand as Aleksi, the Russian Orthodox Patriarch of Moscow and of All Russia, looked on.

Freedom of worship is one of the hallmarks of President Gorbachev's reforms, and is guaranteed by a law passed last year on freedom of conscience. Muscovites were astonished to see banners draped across some of the capital's streets proclaiming Christ's Resurrection.

However, Orthodoxy faces an uphill struggle in bringing reconciliation to some of the Soviet Union's ethnic trouble-spots, even those where it is practised by all the protagonists. In Moldavia, it has not prevented growing conflict with the republic's Russian-speakers or the Gagauz community of Christian Turks. Georgians are celebrating Easter in fear of a military operation to re-establish Soviet control in South Ossetia.

Three thousand Albanians crowded into and around a tiny church in Tirana, the capital, yesterday as an Orthodox Easter ceremony was celebrated for the first time since 1967. People outside exchanged eggs, painted red. Gramoz Pashko, an opposition Democratic party leader, was among the congregation. The Albanian celebration took place against a backdrop of the second stage of elections. The communist Party of Labour, which won 162 of parliament's 250 seats on March 31 in the first round of the country's first free elections in nearly 60 years, went into the second stage looking for two-thirds of the seats.

Kohl braves Erfurt critics

From Anne McElvoy in Erfurt

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, paid his first cautious visit in more than three months to eastern Germany yesterday, braving the dissatisfaction in the region to spend the day with the Roman Catholics and Christian Democrats of the Thuringian city of Erfurt.

Grinning broadly, but saying little, the chancellor attended morning Mass in the gothic cathedral and visited a Catholic hospital run by nuns. Later, as he entered the regional parliament for talks with local politicians, protesters hurled eggs which missed Herr Kohl but hit his entourage. Some demonstrators broke through the security cordon and scuffled with guards while shouting "resign", and "liar". There were banners reading "Thou shalt not lie", and "Helmut, why are you afraid to stand before the people now?"

It was a tentative foray into a region which he has been criticised for avoiding since the joint-German elections in December. Even yesterday Herr Kohl was intent on minimising contact with the crowds, sticking to a round of private meetings with sympathetic partners.

Labouring up the steep incline to the cathedral door, he was greeted by tepid applause interspersed with boos. Only the occasional voice was raised in the cry "Helmut, Helmut", with which more than 100,000 people welcomed him in the cathedral square a year ago. Then, he had promised that Thuringia would soon be "a flourishing landscape" and first uttered his promise that, after unity, no one in east Germany would be worse off and many would be better off.

Now, with the painful transition from a command to a market economy causing mass redundancies — 5,000 jobs will go when the Erfurt industrial estate closes in the summer and the same number when the Wartburg car plant in Eisenach near by closes this week — these words are quoted with bitterness.

The chancellor's advisers decided to avoid the more explosive atmosphere of Leipzig, Dresden and Chemnitz where further demonstrations against his economic policies are expected tonight. However, there is talk of him braving Berlin soon.

Yesterday's reintroduction to the east has been received as only a modest success and leaves Herr Kohl with the image of avoiding the disgruntled voters in the new *Länder*. Erfurt on a Sunday was scarcely representative of the region's troubles. With its charming medieval city centre and plethora of churches, it was, even under communism, the east German showpiece of contented middle-class life.

Camels' return needles Tuscans

From Paul Bompard
in Rome

THEY say it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for two Tuscans to agree on anything without a fiery argument. The latest issue to arouse tempers is, appropriately enough, whether camels should be bred and left to roam in the countryside around Pisa.

Camels have inhabited the area for centuries. The grand dukes of Tuscany imported them in 1622, and only a few decades ago the animals still amused the Italian royal family on holiday. The estate of San Rossore, which belonged to the Medicis and later the Savoys, was the home of these dromedaries. Today it is part of a natural park. Ali, the last of the San Rossore camels, died in 1976, aged 13.

The debate today is whether to recreate a camel colony. The Unesco Club of Pisa is in favour, as is Lorenzo Bani, the city's alderman for culture. The park authority, which feels that camels have no ecological place in Tuscany, is against such a move.

The camels of Pisa first came under fire in the second world war, when in 1944 San Rossore was occupied by SS units and collaborators. In a frenzy of hunger and savagery, they machine-gunned the animals for food. In 1954 Galante and Bellaria, two newly imported camels, were brought to San Rossore. But their offspring did not prosper and Ali was the lone survivor.

Environmentalists declare that the wilds of Tuscany are the natural habitat of foxes, wild boar and birds, but not camels. However, supporters of the scheme say that 380 years of previous residence must have given the dromedaries some rights, and among the host of ecological problems, the return of the dromedary might not necessarily be the straw that breaks the environmental camel's back.

Zulus defy ANC call for ban on tribal arms

Johannesburg — Zulu leaders told thousands of Inkatha supporters at peace rallies in Soweto and the East Rand township of Katlehong to defy an African National Congress demand for a ban on traditional weapons. Marchers proudly flouted the rival ANC's campaign by waving spears, clubs and other tribal arms (Ray Kennedy writes).

Frank Mdlalose, the Inkatha national chairman, told the Katlehong crowd: "Traditional weapons . . . have nothing to do with peace." More than 5,000 people have died in clashes between the ANC and Inkatha since 1986, and the carrying of tribal weapons has been a main point of contention between the groups.

The ANC ultimatum was delivered on Friday by Nelson Mandela, its deputy president. It also said that Inkatha, with the aid of the police, had invaded townships where it previously had no support. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, said he was "flabbergasted and disappointed" and wondered how he could continue to deal with the ANC.

Negotiations between the South African government and the ANC were seen to be on the brink of collapse yesterday after the movement's ultimatum to suspend all talks unless drastic steps are taken to curtail township violence by May 9.

Space repair walk planned

Cape Canaveral — Two astronauts were told yesterday to prepare for a spacewalk to attempt to repair a communication antenna on a $617 million (£342 million) astronomy satellite.

The emergency spacewalk was ordered after ground controllers failed to communicate directly with the satellite because of the antenna problem. Initially, a six-hour spacewalk scheduled for tomorrow would have been the first by Americans since December 1985. *(Reuter)*

Jewel robbery

Sydney — Jewellery valued at more than Aus$4 million (£1.7 million) was stolen from the luggage of a Japanese businesswoman on a flight from Hong Kong to Melbourne last month. A Qantas spokesman said the empty suitcase was later found in Sydney. *(AFP)*

Grand rail link

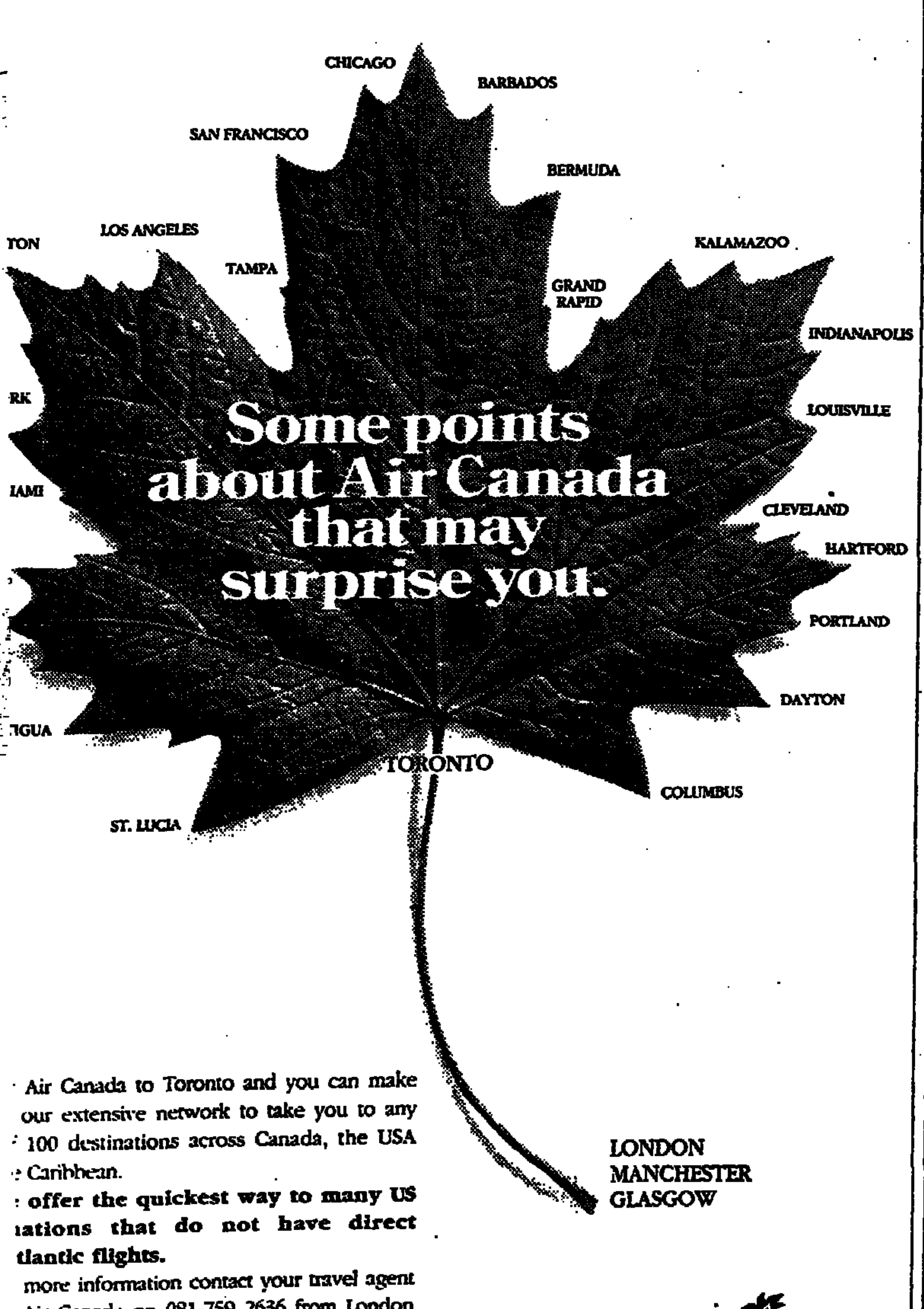
Seoul — South Korea and the Soviet Union have jointly proposed building a trans-continental railway linking their countries through North Korea, China and Mongolia. The proposal was made at a UN agency meeting held here. *(AFP)*

Election check

Stanislaw Tyminski (above), the defeated Polish presidential candidate, has been barred from standing for parliament by a change in electoral law which requires candidates to have been resident in Poland for five years prior to the election. *(AFP)*

Seamen's plight

Seoul — The 24 South Korean seamen captured by Vietnamese pirates 18 days ago in the Straits of Malacca have been handed over to a group believed to be a Vietnamese security corps. *(Reuter)*



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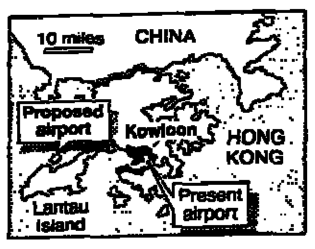
Peking holds out against Hurd on colony airport deal

From Catherine Sampson in Peking



AS DOUGLAS Hurd yesterday repeated his ascent 35 years ago of the sacred Taishan mountain to watch the sun set, British and Chinese officials were engaged in last-minute horsetrading in Peking. Their negotiations were an attempt to draw up an agreement on Hong Kong's airport project, off Lantau, before the foreign secretary returns to the colony today.

Despite having made several concessions to China, Mr Hurd said on Saturday that his three days of talks had left him without the agreement for which he had hoped. Sources said that even after a weekend of negotiations, an agreement was unlikely to be announced before Mr Hurd left Peking. Sources in Hong Kong said that Sir David Wilson, the colony's governor, was closeted with officials until early yesterday morning, and there was speculation that new differences had emerged.

Mr Hurd, once a diplomat at the Peking embassy, went ahead with his private trip to Taishan, as officials continued negotiations in Peking 200 miles away. It is believed their talks focused on how much money should be left in Hong Kong when the colony reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

During his talks with Chinese officials, Mr Hurd has used the imagery of climbing Taishan to symbolise the uphill struggle of negotiations over the future of Hong Kong. Analysts believe that if an agreement is reached, Mr Hurd would prefer to leave it to Hong Kong to announce.

During his visit, Mr Hurd ceded an important political point, telling China that he is prepared to make assurances on the amounts in Hong Kong's financial reserves in 1997. The foreign secretary said at the weekend that disagreements had been narrowed but not removed, and the sticking points which remained were "not just about figures". The airport project has become a test case for who controls the colony in the run-up to 1997. Peking has refused to approve the project, saying that it will empty Hong Kong's coffers before 1997. Hong Kong has said that is none of China's business, but has found that with Peking's continued refusal to agree to the scheme, private investors are not interested in funding the £9 billion project.

Mr Hurd appears to have given an all-clear for China to voice objections on policy issues with impact after 1997. "We shall provide full information to China, that is reasonable and right. Where important matters straddle 1997, we shall welcome Chinese views and take account of them where we can." He was assured that China sought no control over decision-taking between now and 1997. Nor did he see opening Hong Kong's books to China as unacceptable political control.

The issue of human rights was not prominent in the talks. Mr Hurd did not refer to human rights concerns during his meeting with Li Peng, the prime minister, whose name is closely linked with the mass killings of pro-democracy protesters in June 1989. In talks with Qian Qichen, the foreign minister, and Jiang Zemin, the party leader, Mr Hurd expressed concerns about Tibet and four Hong Kong residents in jail in China for alleged political crimes. He said his concerns were "courteously received. I don't say accepted, because they were not accepted".

● **PRAGUE:** The Czechoslovak government is preparing to offer passports to Hong Kong citizens in return for investment in the newly democratic country (Chris Pomeroy writes). A request by Prague for a ministerial-level visit to the colony to discuss details of a possible package has been passed to the Hong Kong government and is under consideration, according to Foreign Office officials in London and Prague.

Village voice: Sonia Gandhi, the wife of the former Indian prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, talking to women in a north Indian village during an election campaign on behalf of her husband and his Congress (I) party. Mr Gandhi is contesting the election from the town of Amethi near by. Politicians began campaigning as soon as parliament was dissolved last month after Chandra Shekhar, the prime minister, stepped down because of constant criticism from Mr Gandhi and his party. Party workers have been plastering every available space with election slogans as their leaders travel from rally to rally to woo the country's 521 million voters. Most political analysts expect an alliance between the National Front coalition of Vishwanath Pratap Singh, a former prime minister, and two communist parties, and Congress (I) to emerge as the leading contenders. The election is scheduled for late May. Commentators believe that Mr Gandhi has missed many chances in opposition to regain lost ground and they doubt his ability to emulate his mother, Indira Gandhi, who swept back to power in 1980. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which promotes Hindu fundamentalism, has shunned alliances officially although it is believed that clandestine deals might be made at local level. That is one reason some analysts expect the Bharatiya Janata party to lose ground in India's first-past-the-post system, as other parties link up informally to avoid splitting anti-BJP votes in constituencies which often have a million voters each.

Grey voters keep faith with grand old man of Tokyo

From Joanna Pitman in Tokyo

A CROWD of several hundred gathered outside Tsukiji, Tokyo's fish market, to support Shunichi Suzuki, the aspirant fourth-term Tokyo governor, in his final campaign speeches before yesterday's gubernatorial election.

Balding pates and patches of silver hair dominated the crowd of fishermen, white-collar workers, shoppers and pensioners who waited excitedly for their 80-year-old idol to arrive. With the majority of Mr Suzuki's fans aged over 60, the Tokyo election had developed into a battle between the city's senior citizens — indignant about Japan's dying respect for its aged — and the rest.

Mr Suzuki's main challenger, Hisanori Isomura, is a mere stripling in his sixties and, according to the Suzuki contingent, ignorant of the plight of Tokyo's burgeoning older generation. A posse of septuagenarian spinsters filled the front row of the crowd. "Mr Suzuki is just super. If he were 90 I'd still support him," cackled one.

The venerable incumbent scampered up the seven-rung ladder to the podium, to a rehearsed chorus of "Isn't he youthful!" uttered by abunch of unctuous groupies, deployed simply, it appeared, to exude hosannas in his direction.

Having acknowledged the applause with a deep and athletic bow, Mr Suzuki filled his ten-minute slot in time-honoured Japanese fashion, with repeated reminders of his own name, unbridled pleas for votes, and assurances that he has the mind and body of a 60-year-old.

Scant mention was made of his policies, nor of how he intends to spend the city's £43.5 billion annual budget, a sum that exceeds China's national budget. However, Japan's voters seldom expects to be informed of policies. They tend to select their candidates on the basis of image.

Mr Isomura, the suave former television anchorman, has a ready smile and an impressive hi-technology hairdo that can stand up to any unexpected squall. He adores the cameras and they adore him. Yet he appeared to suffer in the polls that preceded the election from his relative youth. Whether this affected his support significantly will not be made clear until today, however, when the votes are counted.

Given that Japan's most enthusiastic voters are those of advanced years, Mr Suzuki's anticipated victory has everything to do with his age. He is, after all, much younger than Japan's oldest politician, Tadashi Yaoita, who is 86 this week and showing no signs of relinquishing his opposition party lapel badge. Nor is Mr Suzuki much older than the gerontocracy that controls the ruling Liberal Democratic party at an average age of 70.

It is not only political leaders who are old in Japan. Statistics released on last September's Respect for the Aged national holiday show that the population is becoming increasingly older. Almost 12 per cent of Japanese are aged over 65, and the figure will be 23 per cent by 2025.

Mr Suzuki's fans are hoping for a little support in their quest for better welfare and the construction of more old peoples' homes, a rarity in Japan where the oldest son has traditionally been expected to look after his elderly parents. Fewer middle-aged Japanese are prepared to do this today, and older Japanese feel betrayed and abandoned.

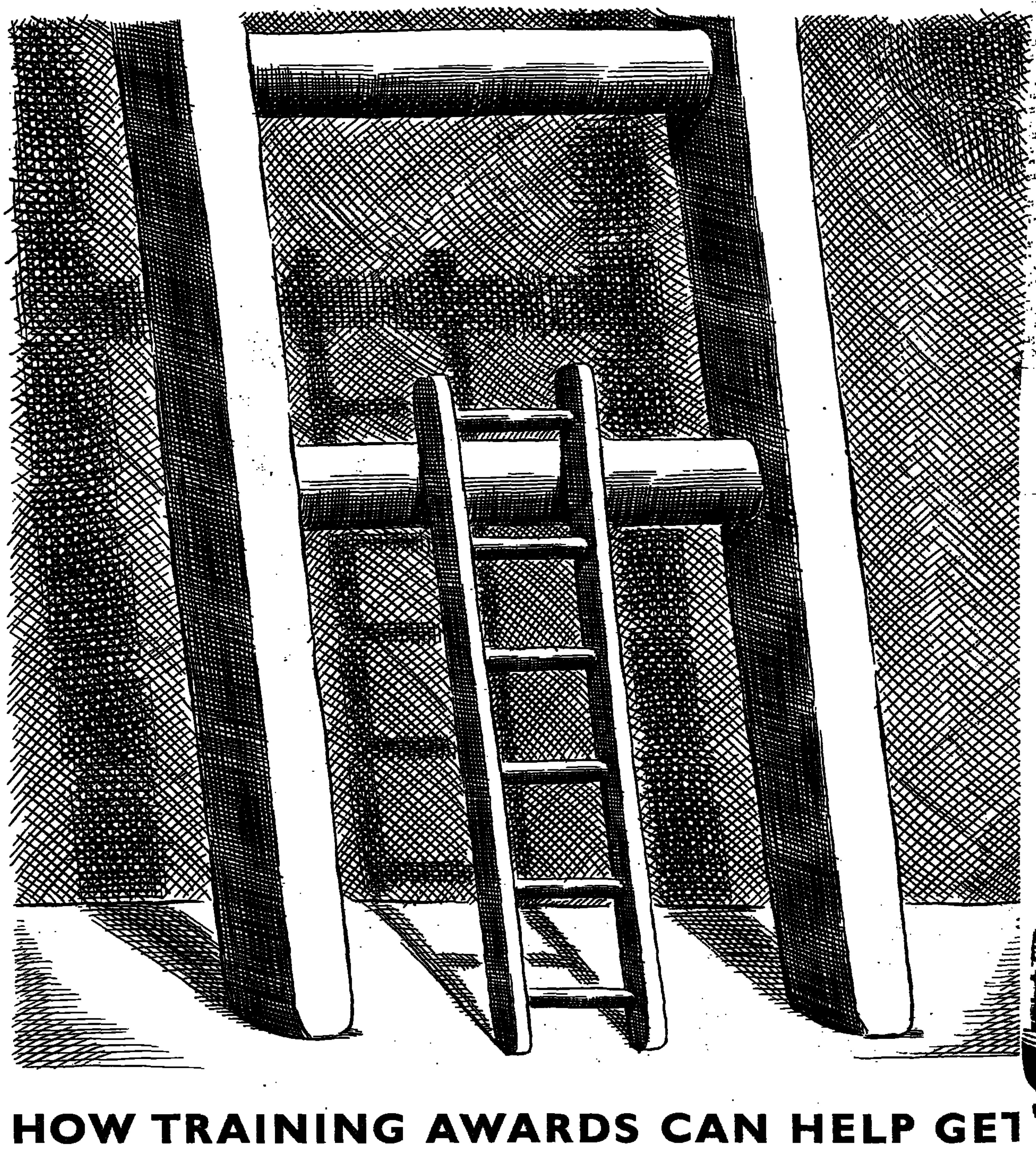
Roh: government looking at August application

Seoul to seek new UN status

From Reuter
in New York

SOUTH Korea has told the security council it will apply for United Nations membership before the start of this year's general assembly session in September. Chang Hee Roe, the South Korean observer at the UN, said the government of President Roh Tae Woo would probably apply in August.

A South Korean memorandum sent to the council president on Friday rejected North Korea's claim that separate membership for the two countries would prejudice the goal of reunification. The memorandum cited the examples of the former east and west Germany and north and south Yemen.



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ICAL MUSIC

Maestro bows out with a flourish

Georg Solti, music director of the Chicago Symphony
ıestra, is ending his 22-year reign in dramatic style with
ıelp of Pavarotti and Tippett. Nicholas Soames reports

e large banner hung n the façade of the rchestra Hall, Chicago, cries "Bravo Vell it might. Some 22 he took over what he scribed as "the best al orchestra in America put it indisputably on national musical map of the truly superensembles.

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s leaving in style, and kind of venture and t has marked his Today, he conducts a performance of *Otello* h Luciano Pavarotti e title role for the first daring casting in view do Domingo's domin the part for more ecade.

on Thursday, there is ld premiere of Sir Tippett's *Byzantium*, cale work for soprano estra. There has been tage of drama here vith Jessye Norman — y cast as soloist — ut with just a week to Faye Robinson from ropolitan Opera taking e.

Solti is unperturbed. risingly after so long, he relaxed appearance who feels on his home and he has immense ce in his players. It have been an obvious his volatile, energetic an with a laconic orchestra, but it has a singularly rich hip.

e is one thing in of which I am very, ud — the chemistry is leclares Solti. "There wonderful orchestras good conductors, but doesn't work." It with Chicago from the partly because of one of his predecessors. Solti took over in 1969 from Jean Martinon, but the orchestra's musical character had been formed by Fritz Reiner, who died in 1963.

"We were from the same basic school and we had the same love of attention to dynamics, to the shaping of a phrase, to internal balances," says Solti. "Of course there were some differences. Reiner was a very cruel man . . . there is a famous story of him coming to the orchestra, playing a very difficult passage for the strings and saying: 'A few of you players are getting too old. It is time for spring cleaning.' "

> *'They call him Mr Solti in New York, but in Chicago we say Sir Georg'*

The considerable Decca discography, the three successful world tours and the two decades of seasons in the Orchestra Hall attest to the fruitful relationship between Solti and the CSO. It is deeply imprinted in Solti's sentences as he compares the three main orchestras he works with, Chicago, Vienna Philharmonic and Berlin Philharmonic.

"The sound is very different. There is an incomparable Vienna string sound which you cannot reproduce — there isn't anything in the world like that sweetness. Berlin has a quite amazing string homogeneity which is unique, fantastic. But I can produce a bigger sound, and I have a much better brass section. I also think my [Chicago] woodwind section is better than anywhere else, but that is a question of taste."

Mahler, more than any other single composer, trumpets the collaboration. "Mahler playing is at its best in Chicago," states Solti unequivocally, though he adds that he would not record 20th-century music anywhere else. Donald Peck, the CSO principal flute for 33 years, agrees that Mahler, and particularly Mahler's Fifth Symphony which featured on the European tour last year and will be played in concert with the new Tippett work, has been a hallmark of the Solti/CSO partnership, although his years at Chicago have brought many surprises.

"Everyone always thinks of Solti as a conductor of Mahler, Bruckner, Wagner and Strauss, but sometimes he could pick something up quite unexpectedly," says Peck. "We did works from the French repertoire like *Après-midi* and *Daphnis et Chloë No 2* on tour where he became more relaxed with each performance. They were unforgettable. And then there was *Moses und Aron*. He knew it like Beethoven's Fifth and he convinced me I liked it, but I didn't really . . . ."

Now 79, Solti is stepping down as music director (he is succeeded by Daniel Barenboim) to allow time for other activities, including his directorship of the Salzburg Festival. With the deaths of Karajan and Bernstein he has been unofficially appointed the senior conductor of the moment, and is clearly enjoying the position. His latest recording is Bach's B minor mass: "If I had mentioned to Decca 20 years ago that I had wanted to do it they would have said no."

With *Otello* he is on more familiar ground, having conducted Domingo in a Terry Hands production of Verdi's opera in Paris. "With two friends of mine, it is very difficult to speak. Placido is a musical tenor, he is a musician. Luciano has a beautiful quality of voice, gorgeous, and has hardly worked on the dramatic aspect of the part. It is drama, but there are many lyrical bits too."

MARC ASPLAND

First and final: in one of his last rehearsals with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Sir Georg Solti rehearses Luciano Pavarotti for his first performance of *Otello*

It was Solti who asked Tippett to write a work for his farewell season, to add to one of the most successful commissions of the CSO/Solti era, the Fourth Symphony. "For me, Tippett is a great composer who goes beyond national borders." *Byzantium* is based on the Yeats poem and, for the composer, emphasises the idea of artefacts "enshrining values that can be set against the impermanence of the everyday world".

Solti conducts in Chicago this week, and then takes the programmes to Carnegie Hall, New York, next week. It will not be his last appearances on his home ground — he will return as a guest conductor — but by then the CSO may have a different feeling. Barenboim has already made an impression, drawing a new character from the strings in Brahms's Symphony No 4, and has Boulez and Berio's Piano Concerto scheduled for future programmes.

But the city will not lose its affection for its maestro. As one orchestral member said: "They call him Mr Solti in New York, but here in Chicago we say Sir Georg."

RECORDS: PIANO MUSIC

Epic phrases well turned

Janáček: Piano works. Mikhail Rudy. EMI CDC 7 54094 2
Mussorgsky: Pictures from an Exhibition. Tchaikovsky/Pletnev: Music from The Sleeping Beauty. Mikhail Pletnev. Virgin Classics VC 7 91169-2
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THE compact disc revolution has meant two things to piano music. First, domestic equipment can now capture the instrument's sound without distortions; second, it has helped dispel the myth of artist as hero. The more records there are, the more risky becomes any critic's use of hyperbole. Can any performance simply be called great?

Certainly none of those included in this selection merits such description, though all of these distinguished pianists are heard working convincingly with music, some of which undoubtedly deserves the dangerous epithet. Janáček's piano works definitely come into that category, and the young Soviet pianist Mikhail Rudy's playing of them ought to go some way towards making them better known. Unlike many of his compatriots, he is a reflective artist, which suits the flavour of these intimate, often mystical, pieces.

Rudy articulates the larger structures of the two-movement Piano Sonata and the four pieces of *In the Mists* with impressive sensitivity and feeling for shape. The 15 miniatures of *On an Overgrown Path* and the characterful *Three Moravian Dances* are done with sharp insight, while in the mysterious *A Recollection*, a complex artistic personality is somehow encapsulated in 90 pregnant, eloquent seconds.

Mikhail Pletnev's brand of piano playing has been criticised for its barnstorming approach. His new Virgin Classics disc begins with a strong, positive, if uncontroversial, reading of Mussorgsky's *Pictures from an Exhibition*. If this work is a rather predictable and, for a Soviet pianist, universal calling card, the fill-up, the pianist's own transcription of pieces from Tchaikovsky's *The Sleeping Beauty*, represents an almost wilful individualism. Some might reasonably take the view that there is plenty of real solo piano music, Russian and otherwise, and that these days there exists an adequate choice in recordings of the full orchestral version of this work. But Pletnev is maintaining a noble (if now strictly unnecessary) tradition and, moreover, he executes these pieces with appealing flourish and colour.

A massive strength exudes from Jean-Philippe Collard's shapely performances of all four Chopin Ballades, as befits these epic pieces. He is heroic, eloquent and athletic of finger, qualities demanded both by the Ballades and by the B minor Piano Sonata, whose Scherzo has a rare brilliance. But there is also abundant warmth besides heroism in these readings (the Sonata's first movement has never sounded vaster), while his positive manner is combined with what one detects as a confident Gallic elegance.

OPERA paraphrases by Liszt, included on Aldo Ciccolini's two-disc set, were actually recorded in 1982, just before the era of the CD, but digitally nevertheless. These imaginative and technically challenging explorations of favourite tunes by Wagner, Gounod, Donizetti and Verdi are invariably given sturdy, vivid performances.

But it is the music on the rest of this curiously conceived set, the highly original ten pieces which constitute the collection *Harmonies poétiques et religieuses*, that yield the subtler side of Ciccolini's art. Though he arguably lacks the introspective insights of a Brendel, Ciccolini nevertheless relishes the sense of meditation which goes hand in hand with Liszt's desire to wear his heart on his sleeve. Vastness, intimacy, other-wordliness, extroversion, spareness and richness, but above all spiritual sincerity, characterise this music. Ciccolini understands well these paradoxes, the marks of a true adventurer. The recording reflects an incisive, hardish, but never over-forced touch.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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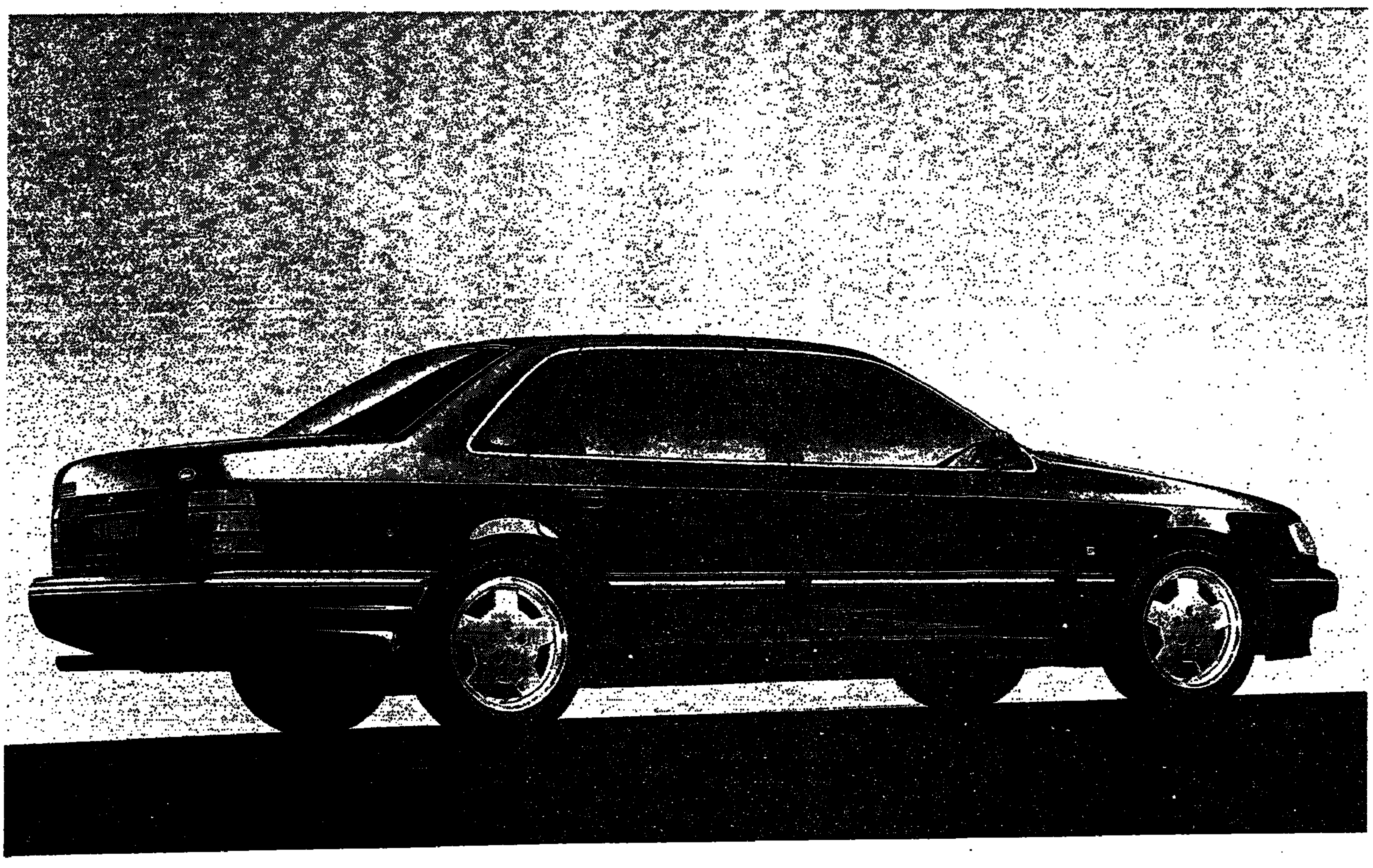

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Ronald Butt finds honoured precedents for Major's bending with the wind

Labour's empty accusation

Is John Major too short of political convictions and too thin-skinned to be a successful prime minister? Is Neil Kinnock too much of an opportunist in his own policy making and too little in control of his temper to be well qualified to replace Mr Major? This curious sub-plot of British politics has bubbled to the surface of comment in the last week or so, and at its face value it may seem well below the level of the tragic events in the Gulf on which we should be concentrating.

Yet *the personalities of* politicians are crucial to successful politics and we are right to be concerned with them, though scepticism is needed to differentiate between the truth and the accusations of opponents. The new emphasis on Mr Major's alleged *lack of political conviction* was initiated last week by Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, who accused him of succumbing to "every political breeze" in the hope of reaching the most popular decisions. Mr Major, according to Mr Hattersley, had adopted policies as prime minister which he had previously decried, and therefore lacked a foundation of principle. If, in Mr Hattersley's opinion, it is a man of principle you are looking for, you should "strike John Major off your list".

In fact, you would be better advised to apply a pinch of salt to the Hattersley rhetoric. Mr Hattersley himself is hardly the most conspicuous example of a politi*cian who never* trims to the wind of party necessity or changes his mind. Nor is Mr Kinnock, who has steered Labour from Tribune rally leftism and the Bennite conception of "party democracy" all the way to acceptance of the post-Thatcher realities of the social market. Like all Labour leaders (only more so), he has learned that his party's social aspirations are not best achieved by its original recipes for socialist change. All the more credit to him. He is in a long line of politicians, from Peel and Disraeli, who, when circumstances changed, rightly accepted the policies against which they once fought.

Major: wise to *take his time*

Kinnock: left no longer

Principles are about fundamental ends. They do not demand adherence to outmoded means. And this is as true for Mr Major as it is for Mr Kinnock. Changing his mind about the poll tax now that he is in charge as prime minister is no abandonment of principle since there is no Tory principle I know of requiring a poll tax.

Nor is it "dithering" for Mr Major to spend time on consultation about the best means of implementing his proposed replacement of the poll tax by a property and occupancy tax. Better to get it right than to indulge in bogus displays of decisiveness. There is also nothing un-Tory about his renewed emphasis on quality in the public services. After all, Mrs Thatcher never advocated that they should be of poor quality; she merely had her mind on the then more urgent priorities of saving the economy. New times bring new needs, and politicians adapt or perish.

Likewise, the Tories are ill-advised to jeer at Mr Kinnock for *his flashes of impulsive* spirit and temper, as were displayed when he rebuked some youths behaving in an ill-mannered way outside his house. Spirit, feeling and courage do a politician no harm.

What is really in question is the as yet unknown capacity of both leaders for vision and foresight and their ability to tackle the future with wisdom. Mr Major has not yet had time enough in office to be tested. Mr Kinnock has never had office at all, but has shown both courage and acumen in handling his party, though he has been better at reassuring the public about what Labour would not do (nationalisation and the like) than in saying clearly what it would do.

So far the public can only judge both of them between the lines, and Mr Major is at some risk of *being judged by the stories* that he is thin-skinned and oversensitive to criticism. If this came to be believed, he would be seen as the kind of man who "can't take it". So how should he react to the kind of reports that irritate him, those which question his stamina and say that he is *indecisive? If it is* true that some advisers tell him he should not be swayed by reading the press for himself, but should follow it through the kind of digest supplied to Mrs Thatcher by her press secretary, Bernard Ingham, they are wrong.

Mrs Thatcher's practice simply meant that she saw the press through Sir Bernard Ingham's eyes and seldom read sustained critical arguments right through. That is why she misjudged the poll tax furore. Mr Major should not make that mistake: he should read for himself, though not obsessively.

But all the advisers and all the image makers cannot create the fundamentals of a political personality. It is either capable of becoming far-seeing and decisive or it is not. In Iraq we are now seeing the results of President Bush's lack of vision and forward imagination. It produced a failure to see that (as I have argued here before) even the limited objectives of future peace in the area could be secured only *if the allies made it* clear they would treat with a government not headed by Saddam Hussein. During the war, Mr Bush and others called on the Iraqi people to overthrow Saddam. The ceasefire, however, was a virtual licence for him to oppress the Kurds and the Shias.

As a junior partner, there is little that Mr Major can do to sway Mr Bush now. Yet I would guess that for the moment he will be judged in Britain more by how he shows himself to be his own man on this issue and by what he can contribute to thinking about the next stage in the Gulf than by accusations that he is dithering at home. Colourless platitudes about generous aid and Man Friday echoes of Washington will not satisy a morally worried public.

A politician is someone who knows how to get over the next hurdle without falling. A statesman is one who sees deeper and further and helps shape events accordingly. Time is needed to see which Mr Major is.

Why the church is wary of Carey

Clifford Longley warns the new archbishop of the divisive dangers of enthusiasm

For weeks there have been rumblings in the Church of England about the style of service being designed for the enthronement of Dr George Carey as Archbishop of Canterbury on April 19. Details have not yet been announced, but some of those who have heard of them on the grapevine are scandalised.

The purists fear that a showcase of Anglican choral music at its best — boys' treble voices soaring to the medieval vaults — will be spoilt by the catchy holiday-camp songs favoured by the "charismatic" movement of the church, towards which Dr Carey inclines.

Nothing offends the Anglican sense of "seemliness" in worship as much as laughter in church, or dance, pop music, hand-clapping, or any other new-fangled innovation. There is even talk — horror of horrors — of having an electronic synthesiser. In fact the service will be a mixture of styles, and the traditional will predominate. The rumblings, however, are not mainly about music but go far deeper. Possibly no Archbishop of Canterbury of modern times has faced quite the struggle which Dr Carey now faces, to have his leadership of the church generally accepted.

His appointment was met by a gasp of disbelief from the church. He was nice enough and bright enough, certainly, but what was widely known of this relatively junior bishop (not much) said his tastes were not the traditional ones. Unlike proponents of the ancient in "hymns ancient and modern", Dr Carey prefers hymns like "Sing of the Lord's Goodness" which wear their heart on their sleeve.

Modern charismatic Evangelicals fancy a more American style of Christianity, more open, friendly and direct. English reserve does not long survive the heavy emotionalism of their services, the singing with hands waving in the air, the uncontrolled outburst called speaking in tongues and the open displays of religious fervour. "Jesus loves you" is the message of their hymns and of the provocative slogans *outside their churches.*

In the past the more staid parts of the Church of England have been prepared to put up with such odd activity provided it remained on the fringe. Only one or two bishops had much sympathy with it. Until now, that is.

The charismatics are "enthusiasts", in the sense defined in a famous demolition job by the late Ronald Knox, which added the word to the vocabulary of ecclesiastical put-downs. The Church of England now has to come to terms with an enthusiast, in the Knoxious sense, as its primate.

According to a nervous little rumour going round the Church of England, the Crown Appointments Commission, the church body which submits names to 10 Downing Street, badly wanted the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, for Canterbury. But the commission was aware that Dr Habgood was thought too liberal by the Tory "Evangelical mafia" which was Mrs Thatcher's primary source of advice.

The commission can submit two names, and the prime minister is free to pass either on to Buckingham Palace. So the commission made Dr Habgood one of them, and looked around for a plausible second name. He had to be not so lightweight that the commission could be accused of not taking the exercise seriously, but weak enough to make it difficult for the prime minister to prefer him to the mighty Archbishop of York. If that is really how they played it, they misjudged Mrs Thatcher completely.

This theory is not totally implausible. An unofficial ballot of General Synod members last summer gave Dr Habgood by far the most first-preference votes, 5 The Bishop of Bath and Well with only five first preference came equal eighth.

Like the quarrel over music f the enthronement, the significanc of the story is that it is bei circulated and believed, rath than that it is true (though *som* alternative name must have bee submitted to Mrs Thatcher, and is a good bet that it was that of much more obvious candidate.)

Dr Carey is beginning to di cover that he has a hard ro ahead. He can either bend to the pressures, and become, like Paul, all things to all men. Or can hold his course, attempting remake the Church of England his own image. If he chooses t second, he can at least argue th the first was tried by his prec cessors, without much succe But he may yet find it was th only option. Shake up an unhap and divided Church of Engla too vigorously, and it could cra

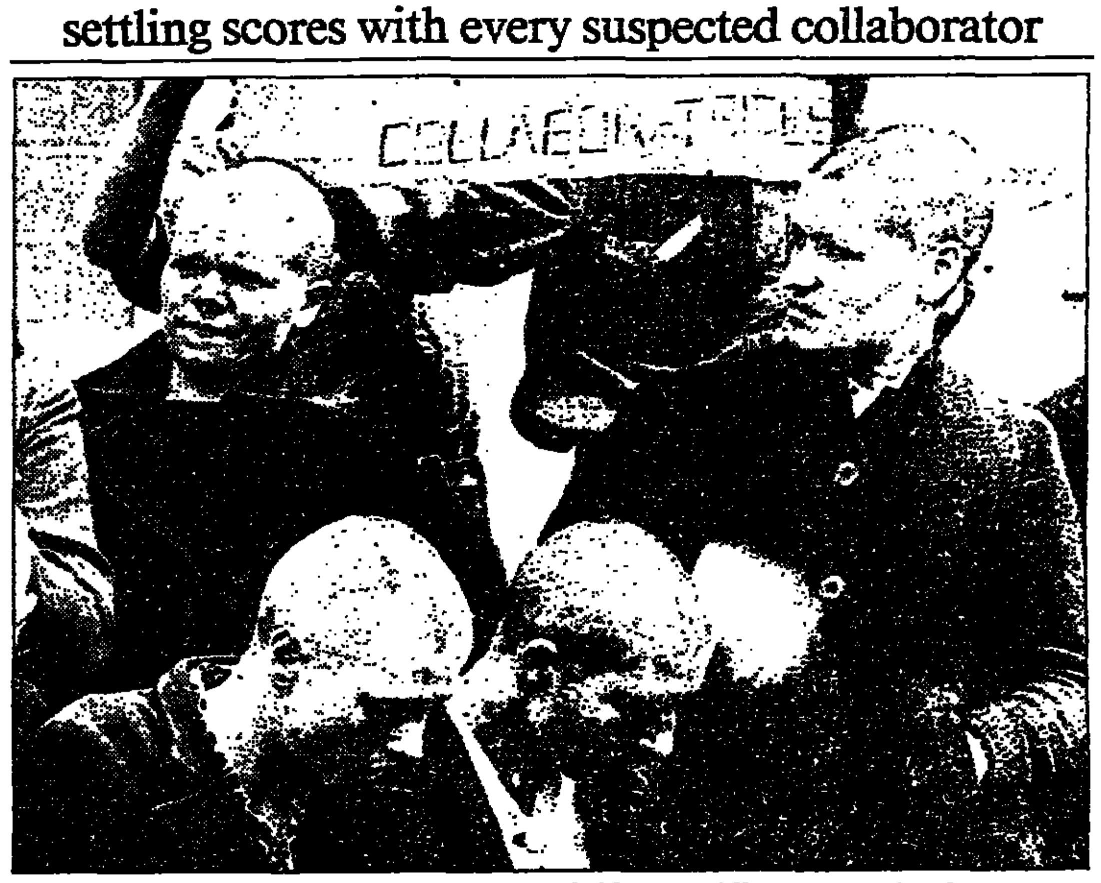
Ex-reds under liberty's bed

Bernard Levin counsels East Europeans against settling scores with every suspected collaborator

Revolutions devour their children; that is well known. Less well known is that they also devour their parents. The news from Prague is heart-rending: some of the bravest and most assiduous dissidents through the years of Czechoslovakia's Soviet subjugation have been denounced as secret collaborators with the colonists. Even parliamentary deputies from Civic Forum have been accused, though it was Civic Forum which first plied the axe that toppled the communist regime.

The commission dealing with those who harmed the cause of Czechoslovakia's hope in the long night of Soviet occupation has been digging deep, and finding another skull with every turn of the spade. It is not the first such exhumation party, nor the first to release suspicion, bitterness and recrimination into the supposedly cleansed air. I well remember what happened at the end of the second world war, particularly in France, where a frenzy of denunciation, true and false, broke out. (The Communists had been the worst collaborators at the beginning of the occupation, because Stalin was Hitler's friend, but when Hitler attacked the Soviet Union, they changed sides, and provided some of the bravest and most determined of the resistance fighters. When it was over, in the dangerous and desperate days after the war, they came very close to toppling the Republic, and settled many a political score by unjustly fingering their blameless erstwhile comrades-in-arms as traitors.)

Up and down France, and to a lesser extent in some of the other occupied countries, blind vengeance stalked the streets. Of course there were collaborators in the occupied countries who helped the invaders knowingly and for gain, but there were many thousands more who collaborated for bread to feed their children. You would have to be a very stern judge to condemn those who had such truck with the enemy. And when we give thanks that Britain was not occupied, so that the terrible question with its terrible answer never had to be asked, we should pause to remember that one part of Britain *was* occupied: the Channel Islands, where the liberation left a legacy of bitterness that did not end for a generation.


Badge of shame: French women collaborators are held up to public contempt after the liberation

In this problem, wherever you turn you find another problem. There were traitors in high places in the occupied countries, and many were arraigned on charges of treason, but that did not settle the matter; Pierre Laval was one of the worst, but not only was his trial an appalling travesty, there was a hideous irony too: the judges who condemned him had remained on the bench throughout the occupation, dispensing Nazi law. Which was Tweedledum and which Tweedledee?

Throughout the épuration, there were those who leaned heavily towards mercy rather than justice. One of the most notable was Francois Mauriac, himself a notable resister; so hard did he work to snatch yet another shivering wretch from a condign vengeance that he was nicknamed St François des Assises.

All the same, there was real wickedness. Some of the collaborators did monstrous evil, sending brave resisters to a hideous death, or facilitating the transports for Auschwitz; few, I think, would feel that those should escape scot free. In Germany itself, the Nuremberg trials dealt with the worst of those who did the Nazis' bidding, after which there was a lull until the Federal Republic was created, whereupon it embarked on the delicate and traumatic course of trying the lesser butchers; indeed, there are still prosecutions in the German *pipeline*.

The Nazi occupation lasted no more than five years; the terrible night of Soviet hegemony endured eight times as long. In that time, what crowds, what masses, what cohorts of collaborators did monstrous evil so that monstrous evil should remain upon the throne! And then it vanished like a dream at daybreak.

But it was no dream. The Soviet Union itself will one day have to have a real reckoning; many of the very worst are dead, of course (though did you know that Kaganovich, Stalin's henchman, is still alive and unrepentant at the age of 99?), but that does not mean the book can be closed. The problem is obvious, and can be bluntly put: what *exactly* was Gorbachev doing in the years before he came upon the scene as the liberator, and what were his closest associates doing?

Whatever they were doing, they were not working with Solzhenitsyn and Sharansky and the other real resisters who spent more of their years in prison than out. How can the Soviet trials take place without indicting every one of the judges, together with all the pr ecutors and most of the witness Yet until there is a reckoning the crimes committed, decade a decade, under the murderous th called communism, how shall books be balanced?

Whatever the answer, there fallen trees across the trail. land, brave Poland, which t the brunt, is free; so is Czec slovakia, so is East Germany so is Hungary. But Bulga despite indicting Zhivkov i singularly farcical trial, is far f cleansed, and as for Romania, only substantial change in most terrible of tyrannies seem be that the members of Securitate are now officially ca miners. As for Yugoslavia . . .

But what is to be done *the Polish*, German, c choslovak and Hunga traitors who did masters' work even when knew that work would lead b and honourable men and wo to prison or the gallows? Ev you enlarge the mesh of the ne that the little fish escape, mon will be landed. What would H gary, the most relaxed of former Soviet colonies, do Rakosi, Stalin's butcher, if he still alive? Whatever the an there are criminals almo *dreadful* scattered all *ove* liberated lands: what *sho* done with them?

Mercy and justice: it ta very steady hand to hold scales even, as all over libe Eastern Europe the leaders of countries try to remember h is done. And anyway, thi those named in the Czechos parliament as collaborator seems that some of them, charges are true, were playin by working for oppressor oppressed alike. Their v contributions to freedom real, even if their hidden he tyranny was no less so. Ho you balance *those* scales?

I do not know, and I ferv hope that I shall never be position to have to give a n Havel and Walesa and the n the conquering heroes knew the path was long and stony, rightly rejoiced when they ca what they thought was the e it. Wearily, they now realise t was only another bend in the *Fiat justitia*; yes, but whose?

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

A small news item caught my eye in *The Times* the other day — and it was not the first of April. It seems that packaging technology will soon enable us to buy things which, when we get them home and open them, can speak to us.

A frozen chicken, newly unpacked, may say (for instance), "Now that I have been removed from the freezer, I must be eaten within three days." The report did not say whether a product *like this would have a chicken*-like voice with added clucks.

An "assemble-it-yourself" bunk-bed will tell you where to start. Your duvet, back from the cleaners, will warn you to air it properly, and not put the plastic bag over your children's heads. All these things, the report hinted, may soon be possible.

Products (the report continues) will be able to vouch for their own authenticity. Crack open a real Coca-Cola can and it may break into a copyright *jingle which other patent* colas are unable to sing.

The report stopped there. But not our imaginations. What possibilities! I should wish to be congratulated by things I buy for having the discernment to choose them. I should have expected the scone bought for £1.95 in a Derbyshire teashop on Saturday to stare up and say: "Frankly, you've been ripped off." And the steamy novel I have been so much looking forward to getting into may (as I open it up and hear that delicious crackle of printer's glue from the unflexed spine) call from its pages, still tightly bound, "Be gentle with me: it's my first time."

Even as I write, I have, waiting in the fridge, one of those yummy raspberry ripples. I can almost hear it whisper: "I hope I'm not a *disappointment*."

A *disappointment*? Now there's a thought. I sincerely hope that the raspberry ripple does not prove a disappointment to me. But what if I should prove a disappointment to the raspberry ripple?

This is, after all, a very sophisticated raspberry ripple, and I am a very unsophisticated man. No expense has been spared on the ripple. It is top of the range. Nothing but the best has gone into it. And the whole creation has been presented in the most appealing way.

And I haven't even shaved! My pullover is frayed, my slippers are disgusting, and I have not changed my shirt. There is no point combing your hair when you're alone, and I *was planning* to clean my teeth later. I'm a mess. But for me it's just another day.

For the raspberry ripple, this is it: its last dawn, the culmination, the whole *raison d'être*, and look at the state of me! Does this distinguished confection not deserve better? I have got my deserts, but has the ripple got its? I should have dressed up. And to think that, rather than bother with laying the table and washing up a pudding bowl, I was planning to spoon the ripple straight from the carton, standing up at the sink, then chuck the tub into the bin and the spoon into the washing-up bowl.

Poor raspberry ripple! This is heart-rending. To me, just another fast-food dessert: to the ripple, life, death, overture and final curtain . . . everything.

What selfish creatures we are! We *have set up* bureaux, tribunals and legislation so that consumers can complain about products: but where is the opportunity for products to complain about consumers?

The whole thrust of modern advertising is to associate the product with a desirable lifestyle. The lady sipping the gin and vermouth is immaculate, her dress chic, her features stunning, her eyes bright and her lips full and moist. The glass is cut-glass, the wrought-iron table charming, the view over the Caribbean incomparable. Tropical palms wave in a cool, evening breeze, the ice cracks and, from somewhere, a steel band softly throbs. Who wouldn't volunteer to be a gin and vermouth?

But now the reality. There you are, a hopeful little gin and vermouth, and what do you get? An overheated flat in a high-rise block in Bootle, a '60s plastic table, a Texaco glass and they're out of ice. Des O'Connor sings from the cassette player, and some peroxided woman slips off white, high-heeled shoes and reaches towards you . . . Aargh!

Rise up, radial GT tyres fitted to Skodas! Rise up, slinky *homme* underpants taken home by fat, greasy old office gropers! Rise up, raspberry ripples perfunctorily debauched by scruffy columnists! Rise up, and call for *your* deserts!

THE TIMES DIARY

Trawling for trouble

The Scottish National Party today challenges the rules governing the televising of the House of Commons by showing a videotape of a Commons debate. It will be the first time since Commons TV began in 1989 that a tape has been used by a political party outside the Houses *of Parliament. The move could* breach the rules that were drawn up to prevent taped debates being used for party political purposes.

SNP MPs believe they are on to a vote winner with the recording of a late-night debate on the government's scheme to tie up fishing boats for eight days a month to preserve fishing stocks. According to the party, it shows the fisheries minister, David Curry, under attack from all sides of the House for ineptitude, and Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Office minister, grinning by his side. Copies are being shown to invited audiences of fishermen in Scotland. "If they are not allowed to see the debate, this cannot be a people's parliament," says Scot Nat MP Margaret Ewing. "If we are breaking the rules, they should be changed."

Last month's report by the select committee on broadcasting says: "Archive material should not be used in any way which infringes the rights of individual MPs. Due regard should be given to political balance." Some MPs fear that if the SNP is not stopped, a new era of television politics will begin with MPs making points in debates for the sole purpose of showing videos to their constituents.

A senior figure in the Commons broadcasting unit said: "The SNP *could be in contempt of the House* and be ordered not to show the film, but this is a grey area. The film has not been edited in any way, and the SNP could argue that it is acting within the guidelines."

● *Among those dismayed by the speculation about the closure of London Zoo is the author and literary critic, V.S. Pritchett, who lives nearby. "This is one of the few places in the western world where one is woken by the roar from a lion's den," he says.*

Seeing stars

The battle between astronomers and astrologers, aired in the pages of *The Times* recently, is to move to the debating chamber at Jesus College, Oxford. Michael Harding, chairman of the Association of Professional Astrologers, has accepted a challenge to a public debate from Allan Chapman, senior tutor at Oxford's Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, who wants to debunk astrologicial claims to scientific respectability.

Chapman wrote to his opponent: "I most earnestly object to latter-day body snatchers who try to dig up the corpse [of astrology] and bring it back to life by bamboozling the public into thinking that obscure associations with the double helix, computers and terms pirated from modern science will make it work again." Harding is already limbering up. "I shall argue that astrology has been misrepresented by science," he says. "Chapman is like a ship sailing into battle with all guns blazing without lining up his target properly." Harding is confident of the outcome of the debate. He has seen it in the stars.

Aiming high

Murdo Fraser's attack on John Major was not the first time the Thatcherite chairman of the Young Conservatives has embarrassed the party leadership. After his right-wing hero, Michael Forsyth, was purged from Scottish Tory Central Office last autumn, 25-year-old Fraser and two acolytes went on a spying mission, but were caught by the police shinning up a drainpipe outside the meeting place of their arch rivals, the ultra-wet Young Tory Reform Group. The police were persuaded not to press charges only after the *personal intervention of* Lord Sanderson, who succeeded Forsyth as Scottish party chairman, so avoiding a damaging court case.

Going, going — back

Virtue is not always rewarded, at least in the saleroom. At the end of last year, Hugo Morley-Fletcher, a director of Christie's specialising in porcelain, came across a 15th-century Chinese vase in a shop in Munich. He immediately recognised it as a snip at the asking price of £100, but instead of making a killing, he did the honourable thing and advised the owner to send it to Christie's for valuation.

The vase was eventually sol £340,000, with the saleroom ing its usual handsome cut. I that week, Morley-Fletcher, need never have worked agair he bought the vase for hin was made redundant. Fortun the story has a reasonably h ending. Realising the value o expertise, the saleroom has reappointed him as a consulta porcelain.

War of words

Pens may or may no mightier than swords they are certainly mor merous. Adding to the torre words on the Gulf war, publ Cecil Woolf has just asked novelists, poets and playwrig contribute their views to a c tion drawing its inspiration *Authors Take Sides on the Sp War*, a famous poll of Th writers. Working from a kit table once used by his Virginia, Woolf has writte authors on both sides of Atlantic asking whether they ported or opposed the use of against Iraq.

The first replies have alr arrived, showing opposition Michael Holroyd and Mar Drabble, Edward Bond and ven Berkoff. Strong suppor the allies comes from Hamm Innes, Sir Isaiah Berlin Frederic Raphael. Responses over the Atlantic are only beginning to arrive, but if all reply, the book will surely longer to read than it Stormin' Norman to win.

● *A section of the flagpole tha graced Murrayfield for the la years is up for sale. The pole felled last year after Scotl grand slam victory and its l half is now being sold in chunks as "the pole that witne three Scottish grand slams". lump, complete with a brass and a framed certificate of au ticity, costs £175. At that p half the flagpole is worth £63.*

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DRAWING ROOM DUEL

ting Moscow last week, Richard o was already Eisenhower's vice- n Stalin's day, neatly summed up t state of Soviet politics in an Gorbachev is Georgetown draw- Yeltsin is Newark factory gate."

day the Russian congress of puties made Boris Yeltsin exec- dent of the Russian Federation nding direct elections. These are e place as soon as June 12. Mr ure to win. Price rises have made government more unpopular than ing miners merely spit on the offer to double their wages; the es despise Mikhail Gorbachev.

ursue the Soviet-American anal- nse the weakness of Mr Yeltsin's sition. The fine filigree of Ameri- s still has no counterpart in the ion. There the Communist party e only organised means of access ts and interest groups. The civil romised in the glad days of never emerged. There is no inner" circuit.

bachev has taken care never to ie party magnates. The Soviet ia are split between Mr 's loyalists and those who have im for Mr Yeltsin. Power belongs who have followed the Soviet hrough every twist of his *pas de* the army and the KGB. Drawing tter in Moscow as they do in n, but the power to order 50,000 Red Square matters more.

Yeltsin camp has one weapon ht do much to even the odds: der Stalin the Soviet government nted the money it needed. Now my is more complex and the e needs revenues from taxation. an legislature can deny funds to in, and without its consent any collect taxes is likely to fail.

sin's new powers appear to give him the right to act on behalf of the Russian Federation by issuing "binding instructions", in conjunction with the praesidium of the Russian Supreme Soviet, which represents the directly elected congress. The powers just granted to Mr Yeltsin as chairman of the praesidium are not equal in law to the traditional instrument of Tsarist and Soviet government: the *ukase*, or decree. But because these instructions have the weight of an elected parliament behind them, they are more likely to command respect than President Gorbachev's orders. Once elected to the new Russian presidency Mr Yeltsin might even feel strong enough for the final challenge to Mr Gorbachev.

A *Pravda* article last week gave an insight into the mentality of intellectuals still loyal to Mr Gorbachev. The well-known writer Lazar Karelin compared the Soviet President to Tsar Alexander II, the liberator of the serfs, who was later assassinated by a nihilist group calling itself the People's Will, and was succeeded by the despotic Alexander III. The author omitted to mention that these assassins were the forerunners of Lenin and Trotsky, who had Nicholas II, another "relatively kind" Tsar, and his family, murdered. The Soviet Union was built on the claims of an intellectual elite to interpret the "people's will" on the people's behalf.

The Kremlin's authority still rests on contempt for the real wishes of the masses. Giving a warning that Mr Gorbachev, too, might be succeeded by a reactionary, Mr Karelin's lip must have curled when he added: "You can even denounce him to his face . . . Tolerance is his 'weakness'." Many educated Russians thought themselves radical as long as they were in control of perestroika. They are now horrified to see hosts of unwashed humanity cheering Mr Yeltsin. Mr Karelin's implies that tolerance is a luxury Mr Gorbachev can no longer afford — repression always finds suave apologists. But the battle for the drawing rooms of Russia has only just begun.

BENDING TO CHILL WINDS

ns of the 1980-81 recession were ntly blue-collar workers in k industries in the Midlands and ngland. By contrast, the 1990-91 is hitting the middle and pro- lasses in service industries in the South-East of England, where ly those classes are concentrated. the South finds itself looking envy rather than pity.

architects, media people, char- yors, various sorts of consultants, ll these are going through grim year as the current series of news *The Times* on the state of the s has shown. Lawyers have laid s — one estimate suggests there more than 250 cases of cancella- ticles by employers. Advertising on six-figure salaries suddenly selves in the street. The Royal f British Architects has even help-line for counselling un- members. But the tendency to *de* must be resisted. The plight of old architect, suddenly made after many years with the same s way as hard as that of an out-of- y hand.

gh up the ladder have further to often have a greater personal in the work they have lost. Their re further from the subsistence nich welfare support becomes The more specialised their train- easy is it for them to change their Because they have a greater lf-sufficiency, the psychological ependence is more acute. Their ss attuned to collective thinking, less easily turn to a supportive . Indeed, their friends and sometimes treat them as if ient were a contagious disease.

Not surprisingly, then, the employed middle classes fear unemployment. Because they are also powerful, the temptation is to seek to raise the boundaries round themselves by enforcing restrictive professional practices, while seeking to grab work done by other professions.

The Law Society chose last week to bid for audience rights for solicitors in the higher courts. In the present climate, barristers are bound to feel their own jobs threatened, and this will stiffen their resistance to an entirely sensible reform. Meanwhile, solicitors will intensify their efforts to protect their own patch against those who would streamline the law, against the solicitors' interests.

This temptation to seek salvation through restrictive practices is one that should be resisted. Though the recession is deep, it will not be for ever. In the long term, jobs depend on efficiency and competitiveness. If society's professional leaders appear blind to that fact, they can hardly complain if the rest of society ignores it too.

Instead, professional people should be looking to ride out the recession by becoming more flexible rather than less. The middle classes would do well to begin imitating the working class experience, and not regard a choice of jobs made at 18 or 21 as binding for life. Employers who frown on applicants who have made more job changes than average, or who are trying a late career change, should know better. The "too old at 50" syndrome was never more absurd nor more harmful.

Fluidity, movement, and the shifting of professional boundaries will create a climate which ensures that professional unemployment during a recession is the exception rather than the rule. A proper understanding of that will minimise the pain that is suffered during each temporary recession. The future belongs to the flexible.

ZOO CONSERVATION

the only city in Western Europe rime minister's official residence a mile from the homes of four igers, two hairy armadillos and 's vipers (three of sex unknown). proximity may not continue er. The Zoological Society of hreatening to close Regent's Park vernment, which happens to be ndlord as well as its potential is clearly tempted to say good

the £14 million the zoo says it eptember looks like being the losure, money should not be the The zoo's inability to cover its onclusive argument for closure s educational, scientific and value were set at nought. The could sell off the whole of ark to office developers and could doubtless survive and er in a treeless city. But preserves the royal parks, it he Kew gardens, the Natural seum and the National Gallery ants to preserve and enhance the e in London.

tion, therefore, is whether the nances London's quality of life to justify public support. The seems to be convinced that it Unfortunately the zoological ying into its hands. Urban zoos t of fashion all over the world, s the society, so why should d out against the trend? Instead orcefully that London should nagnificent urban zoo which has long been the envy of other capital cities, the society appears content to close the zoo and turn it into a "centre for conservation".

The tigers and elephants could live more comfortably and cheaply in the society's rural game park at Whipsnade, appeasing environmentalists and animal liberationists. People would have to drive to see them, and those without cars could be damned — music to the ears of the environment department's old friends in the car manufacturing and road lobbies. Another of central London's dwindling facilities for families would be removed, satisfying the urge to promote suburbia at the expense of the inner cities.

Yet one statistic argues overwhelmingly against the move to Whipsnade. Despite the public's alleged preference to take its pleasures by car, Whipsnade wild animal park had only 372,320 visitors last year, compared with the 1,122,915 who went to the zoo in London. London zoo may never again see the glory days of the 1950s when it could count on three million visitors a year, but it remains the most popular point of contact between the public and wild animal life.

No game park or conservation museum is ever likely to match it. John Blackburn, a Tory MP, has called for a public appeal, with matching funds from the government. Britain spends millions of pounds of public and private money on keeping Titians in the National Gallery, when they should arguably be in Venice. So why not tigers in Regent's Park? But the appeal must be to save a real zoo, not just an "international centre for conservation". Wild animals should stay in Regent's Park.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Why Nato must act to help Kurds

From Sir James Spicer, MP for Dorset West (Conservative)

Sir, I write to take issue with some of the points made in your leader, ("Ankara on trial", April 5). You quite rightly stated that coping with thousands (perhaps even hundreds of thousands) of homeless, foodless people would be a mammoth task, for which Turkey would need help on a massive scale.

However, given the nature of the terrain on the Turkish/Iraqi border and the lack of a large and sophisticated infrastructure there, such help needs to come as much in the shape of trucks, aircraft, helicopters, field hospitals, and engineers as in cash contributions and actual supplies of necessities. Such positive help is necessary to provide shelter, medical attention, and to set up and maintain a distribution supply line in rugged country.

The only organisation with the necessary resources and skills available at short notice is Nato and I would hope and expect that the necessary steps are already in hand to provide a fellow member of the alliance with such support.

This is for the short term only. What of the future? If Saddam Hussein falls, if there is a change of government in Iraq and if these refugees can return to their homes in peace, all will be well. However, what if there is no change in Iraq and if these refugees remain in Turkey? Will the UN accept full responsibility for their well-being and, if need be, resettlement?

This must be of major concern in Turkey, not least because of the problems which still exist as a result of the last Kurdish "wave" of *refugees from Iraq in 1988.*

Yours faithfully,
JAMES SPICER (Chairman, British-Turkish Parliamentary Group),
House of Commons.
April 5.

From Mr Andrew Dyke

Sir, How can Tony Benn and his friends (April 3) criticise allied war aims, let alone continue to pretend there was some other way of freeing Kuwait?

Do not the tragic events unfolding in northern Iraq now make it clear that we should have pressed on to Baghdad with the express intention of demolishing the Baath regime and bringing Saddam Hussein to international justice?

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW DYKE,
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Winchmore Hill, N21.
April 4.

Thanks from the Gulf

From Lieutenant-Colonel Ian R. Gunn

Sir, On behalf of 354 British and Gurkha officers and soldiers who have been in the Gulf since January 6, may I use your newspaper to thank the British public for their outstanding acts of generosity throughout Operation Granby?

Our group was formed from the Gurkha Transport Regiment based in Hong Kong and the regimental bands of 2 Royal Tank Regiment, 1 Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 2 Royal Green Jackets and the staff bands of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and the Brigade of Gurkhas.

Since our conception the thoughtfulness of British families, schools, workers and individuals has been staggering.

I should like to register a particular thank-you to those people who wrote to our Gurkha soldiers, keeping up their spirits during the period they were awaiting mail from Nepal.

Yours aye,
IAN R. GUNN,
Royal Corps of Transport,
CO Gurkha Ambulance Group,
HQ Logistic Support Group,
BFPO 637, Saudi Arabia.
March 27.

Honour withdrawn

From Sir Thomas Armstrong

Sir, As a very senior musician I have often felt grateful for the massive support given to music and musicians, especially young musicians, by generous benefactors, of whom Sir Jack Lyons has been one of the most discerning. Like many of my colleagues I greatly regret the action recently taken about Sir Jack's knighthood (report, March 28).

That recognition of his services to music was given after proper consideration and with good reason long before the events that have caused sorrow to many people. To go back now upon a decision widely recognised at the time as a good one *seems unreasonable, uncharitable,* and vindictive.

Yours sincerely,
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History cut-off point of 20 years ago

From Dr Anthony Seldon

Sir, Ronald Butt ("Why history has to stop", April 2) fails to do full justice to the important issues raised by the education secretary's judgment that history teaching should not venture beyond the 1960s.

The debate has nothing to do with empathy (time for a rest for that subject?) nor with whether contemporary history is any more important or historical than earlier periods.

It is about making sense of the past to our young, who will not understand why their study of, say, the cold war or Arab-Israeli conflict must terminate at some arbitrary and artificial point.

Those responsible for teaching the young in my experience overwhelmingly agree that some time, however brief, should be timetabled to bring history up to date.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SELDON (Head of History, Tonbridge School),
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From Mr John Kentleton

Sir, Unfortunately for Ronald Butt, history does not stop and will not stop. What he is pleased to call "current affairs" but historians are wont to term contemporary history is so important that it needs precisely those qualities of dispassionate judgment, regard for evidence and objectivity that history teaching at its best encourages.

That there may be poor forms of history teaching is essentially irrelevant to the issue. Some of the greatest historians have been contemporary historians, whilst some of the most prejudiced have dealt with periods apparently remote in time and place. The study of every historical period has its opportunities and pitfalls. It is often easier to romanticise and thus trivialise the long past than to falsify the recent present.

It is indeed disquieting that a secretary of state can arbitrarily determine the parameters of a subject. If the interference is not "doctrinaire", it is certainly ignorant. And it is comic that the Tiananmen Square massacre referred to in the adjacent article by Bernard Levin would be current affairs under Mr Clarke's prescription, whilst the rape of Tibet would be history.

One begins to understand his alleged "distrust of teachers". They might be so bold as to make connections and draw analogies that the government of which he is a member might prefer to ignore. It might even influence one's view of its policy on Hong Kong. History would then be both useful — and dangerous. Knowledge often is for those in authority. If Mr Clarke cannot bear the intellectual heat, he should get out of the kitchen.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Matthew D. Bartlett

Sir, Ronald Butt feels able to make a "proper division" between history and current affairs. The latter offers the chance "to accept orderly argument between conflicting viewpoints on topical questions", whereas history is about "dispassionate understanding".

A study of history is fed by a passion to understand human interaction at any point in time. It challenges our opinions and accepted views. As such it is always topical; only the backdrop may change.

The challenge at all levels of study is to be able to assess conflicting viewpoints and to harness the strong and immediate feelings it inspires. The application of these skills can be no better tested than in the turbulence of recent history. The feelings generated by current affairs are the same feelings, that properly channelled give vitality to historical study — academic or otherwise.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
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April 2.

Tests for 14-year-olds

From Mr Gerald Coteman

Sir, The many employers now seeking to take on school-leavers will be distressed by your front-page report (March 25) that proposed trial tests for 14-year-olds, to be conducted under the national curriculum, include such tasks as working out the cost of a computer sold at a 15 per cent discount. They will be concerned that this kind of basic mathematics cannot be taken for granted.

Recent research, in which this centre has been closely involved, has highlighted basic standards in reading, writing (spelling and grammar) and maths as employers' biggest single worry about 16-year-olds. Another concern was the lack of ordinary communications skills, including the ability to use the telephone.

This depressing picture affects small enterprises in two ways. The paucity of good-quality school-leavers increases competition amongst employers of all sizes, putting the smaller firm at a disadvantage. Secondly, smaller firms rely for their profitability on the growth and profitability of larger companies; if the quality of entrants to the latter fails to improve, then the UK economy will cease to compete in expanding world markets.

Those markets must await the British assault until we can agree upon what is taught in our schools and to what level. Money is less of a problem than method, but who will take us down the right road?

Yours faithfully,
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Nitrogen limitation

From Mr Aidan Harrison

Sir, The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries' policy of continually forcing down farm prices is an utter failure. It has pushed rural Britain into its worst slump since the 1930s, while farmers' efforts to maintain their incomes by creating ever-greater food surpluses have raised the cost of farm support to record levels.

Minister John Gummer and Maff officials should be grateful to the Prince of Wales, not "furious" (Diary, March 26), for proposing the perfectly logical solution of restricting the use of that "land substitute", nitrogen fertiliser which, apart from being a major pollutant of groundwater, rivers and the atmosphere, represents the type of energy-intensive "smokestack-era" technology which every other sector of the economy is turning away from.

Not only his Royal Highness and environmentalists favour such a *policy, but a very large number of* farmers see nitrogen limitation as the only rational solution to the crisis facing Europe's agriculture.

Yours faithfully,
AIDAN HARRISON,
Morrelhirst, Netherwitton,
Morpeth, Northumberland.
March 27.

Josephus and Jesus

From Professor the Reverend Canon J. R. Porter

Sir, Peter Jones (article, March 30) states that Josephus "never even mentions Jesus Christ". Can we be so certain of this? Of course, in the received text of Josephus's *Antiquities* (book 18), there is a passage about Jesus, the so-called *Testimonium Flavianum*, but this has often been dismissed as a later and wholly Christian interpolation. However, there is an increasing tendency among scholars rather to see here an original reference to Jesus, which has been edited and expanded by one or more Christian copyists.

This view is supported by an *Arabic version of the Testimonium Flavianum* in a work by a 10th-century bishop of Hierapolis, from which all the distinctively Christian references are markedly absent. Thus there are good grounds for believing that Josephus did in fact refer to Jesus in his *Antiquities*, 18.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. PORTER,
36 Theberton Street, Barnsbury, N1.

From Mr Gai Eaton

Sir, Peter Jones states dogmatically that no historian can believe in the supernatural, adding: "That is his (problem)". A problem indeed! If, as all the religions imply, reality as such is beyond nature ("supernatural") and "facts" are relative, contingent, dependent upon a greater reality, then what on earth are these historians doing?

If their only concern is with shadows and they do not believe in substance, then they have nothing useful to tell us beyond what we might learn from an out-of-date newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
G. EATON,
35 Riddlesdown Road,
Purley, Surrey.

Plundered treasures

From Dr Barbara Traxler Brown

Sir, For museum visitors everywhere Mark Almond's article on Germany's plundered art treasures ("Nine tenths of the law?", March 26) raises some truly unnerving possibilities. He reminds us that from the cathedral of one Saxon town alone, Quedlinburg, a medieval ivory reliquary casket was "pocketed by a Texan soldier" during the summer of 1945.

We also know, from other sources, that many of the town's other historic treasures were mailed to the USA by the same soldier — gold and silver crucifixes, superbly bound Carolingian gospels, rock-crystal glass flasks, a silver reliquary studded with precious gems and enamels, a ceremonial ivory comb.

Now, Mr Almond tells us, the Germans have "paid [the soldier's] heirs a handsome finder's fee, generously relieving them of any inherited guilt for the theft" of the reliquary.

When such objects are pilfered from English churches, do we expect the UK taxpayer to pay a ransom for safe return of the loot? Should the state of a nation's economy have any bearing on the provision of "finder's fees"?

Let us further suppose that the treasures are of outstanding fame or beauty, and only liable to be auctioned long after the looting, perhaps in 2010 or 2020. Should our children as taxpayers then assume the task of financial redemption from the heirs or descendants of the plunderer? These are the alarming implications raised by such a concept.

Simply to rescue most of the Quedlinburg treasures from their safe-deposit box in Texas last year has cost the German taxpayer some $3 million. Can such a deal be right?

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA TRAXLER BROWN,
University College Dublin,
Department of Library and Information Studies,
Belfield, Dublin 4,
Republic of Ireland.
April 3.

Future of British film industry

From the Director of the British Film Institute

Sir, The production sector of the British film industry is determined to take advantage of the Chancellor's offer to consider alternative tax incentive proposals sympathetically (letters, April 1). Indeed, I and my colleagues on the fiscal incentives working group are already working on new proposals, and we still hope that they can be put down as government amendments to the 1991 Finance Bill.

Mrs Thatcher and the key ministers whom we met in June 1990 accepted a whole range of proposals from us, not just tax proposals, aimed at getting the industry back on its feet over the next five years and at attracting investment from the City. We have recently sent the DTI proposals for a dedicated export agency and for a screen commission to attract foreign film-making to the UK. In addition the government has offered £5 million for co-productions over the next three years, with effect from April 1, 1991.

If this year's Oscar ceremony (report, March 27) shows anything about the UK film industry it is that British talent can still command attention, even if it has to do it in US-financed and produced films. We believe that that talent, in partnership with government, can create an important centre for film-making in the UK, if we do not leave it too late.

Yours sincerely,
WILF STEVENSON, Director,
British Film Institute,
21 Stephen Street, W1.
April 4.

From the Honorary President of the International Animated Film Association

Sir, One branch of the British film industry, the animated film, enjoys world-wide success, high prosperity and a leading position in the world. Nick Park's *Creature Comforts* has just won an Oscar, and the number of international awards won by animation students from the Royal College of Art, the National Film and Television School and the West Surrey College of Art and Design prove the rich creative talent of the young generation of our film-makers. These successes were achieved without any government help.

The importance of films as cultural exports has long been recognised by the Americans, the French and the Italians. France provided its industry with $160 million direct subsidy last year, Germany $82 million and Italy $125 million. For the Treasury now to ignore Mrs Thatcher's promise of help is not only dishonest but totally shortsighted. Our European partners in the EC expect positive action from us.

As the government keeps its live-action film industry in poverty, one wonders whether the success of British animated film can be used as a helpful pointer.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HALAS,
Honorary President,
International Animated Film Association,
5-7 Kean Street, WC2.
April 2.

Opera amalgamation

From the General Director of the Royal Opera House

Sir, There is no need for opera at the Coliseum and Covent Garden to amalgamate, and no sense in it ("Make it the ColiGarden", April 5).

Richard Morrison writes of 700 performances a year of opera and ballet in London. That is perhaps stretching it a bit, but, if we stick to opera, between us the two houses offer about 350 performances, 225 at the Coliseum and from 120 to 150 at Covent Garden, and in quite different styles. This is by no means excessive for a city of London's size.

In the financial year that ended last week, paid opera attendance at the Royal Opera House was at 94 per cent, a record level. We played to 88 per cent of financial capacity, even at the high prices we are forced to charge. There is scarcely a theatre in the West End that can say the same. This speaks rather differently than does Mr Morrison, by the way, of the public's appreciation of our work.

There is very little wrong with opera in London that a modest increase in subsidy could not put right.

Yours, as bullishly as ever,
JEREMY ISAACS,
General Director,
Royal Opera House,
Covent Garden, WC2.
April 5.

Spitfire inventor's due

From Mr Alfred Herzka

Sir, Your photograph (April 1) of a restored Spitfire in flight underlines once again the genius of its inventor, the late R. J. Mitchell.

To this day there is no memorial to him, and I should like to suggest the placing of a bust on one of the empty plinths in Trafalgar Square, below the balustrade in front of the National Gallery.

I feel certain that the many who lived through the Battle of Britain would gladly contribute.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
A. HERZKA,
Ashbourne House,
Alberon Gardens, NW11.
April 2.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 7: The Prince of Wales attended a service in the Church of St Mary and The Holy Cross, Binham, Norfolk to commemorate the 900th anniversary of Binham Priory.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Sir Adrian Boult, conductor, Chester, 1889; Mary Pickford, silent film star, Toronto, 1893.

DEATHS: El Greco, painter, Toledo, 1614; Vaslav Nijinsky, ballet dancer, London, 1950; Pablo Picasso, Mougins, France, 1973; Omar Nelson Bradley, US army general, 1981.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.L.T. Bainbridge and Miss F.K.M. Godber
The engagement is announced between Guy, elder son of the late Mr David Bainbridge and of Mrs David Bainbridge, of Hurworth, Darlington, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Godber, of Staverton, Northamptonshire.

Mr J.D.H. Chesterman and Miss F.J. Mill
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs David Chesterman, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Fiona, daughter of the late Ronald Mill and of Mrs Thelma Mill, of Epsom, Surrey.

Mr C.J.M. Chitty and Miss L.F. Jacobs
The engagement is announced between Colin, third son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Peter Chitty, of Boldre, Lymington, Hampshire, and Lara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Jacobs, of Chute, Andover, Hampshire.

Mr A.C. Christie and Miss E.E.C. Reynolds
The engagement is announced between Alastair, only son of Mr and Mrs David Christie, of Sands, St Brelade, Jersey, and Eleanor, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Reynolds, of Casal Sto Antonio, Morelinho, Sintra, Portugal.

Mr N.J. Elcombe and Miss J.R. Orpen-Smellie
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of the late P.G. Elcombe, of Copford, and of Mrs Elcombe, now of Adelaide, South Australia, and Jane, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel H.J. Orpen-Smellie, OBE, and Mrs Orpen-Smellie, of Lexden, Colchester.

Mr H.R.C.C. Erskine and Miss A.N. Parsons
The engagement is announced, from Cairo, between Hamish, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Erskine, of Newbridge, and Coll, Scotland, and Nicola, daughter of Dr and Mrs Raymond Parsons, of London and Devon.

Mr P.B. Glover and Miss D.C.S. Waring
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Glover, of St Helens, Lancashire, and Danielle, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Waring, of Charlbury, Oxford.

Mr R.N. Gommo and Miss K.A. Cartner
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs R.D. Gommo, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire, and Kiran, daughter of the late Mr M. Cartner and of Dr Lindy Cartner, of Durham and Madras.

Mr J.R. Harris and Ms J. Ip
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Harris, of The Byre, Great Billing, Northamptonshire, and Judy, daughter of Mr Edmund Ip, of Vancouver and Mrs Vivian Chou, of Hong Kong.

Mr G. Hayward and Miss R. D'Souza
The engagement is announced between Guy, second son of Lieutenant-Commander Gerald Hayward, RN, retd, and Mrs T. Hayward, of Hayling Island, Hampshire, and Rosalinda, eldest daughter of Captain (E) Rex D'Souza, RFA, retd, and Mrs D. D'Souza, of Purbrook, Hampshire.

Mr D.E. Jillings and Miss J.M. Cook
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E.A. Jillings, of Chelmondiston, Suffolk, and Jackie, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Cook, of Woodmancote, Cheltenham.

Mr N.T. Liddell and Miss J. Barker
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs John T. Liddell, of Tenterden, Kent, and Janeen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Barker, of Palmerston North, New Zealand.

Captain A.S. Morgan and Miss G.A. Benger
The engagement is announced between Captain Andrew Morgan, Welsh Guards, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Morgan, of Limpsfield, Surrey, and Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Benger, of Liphook, Hampshire.

Dr A.P. McD. Orchard and Miss C.C. Brind
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs K.A. Orchard, of London, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.H. Brind, of London.

Mr D.A.S. Pike and Miss N.T.D. Williams
The engagement is announced between David Andrew Surridge, son of the late Andrew Hamilton Pike, CMG, OBE, and Mrs Catherine Pike, of Blatchfeld, Blackheath, Guildford, and Nichola Talitha Darrell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholl Williams, of Great Tyrmynach, Raglan, Gwent.

Mr P.M.D. Roberts and Miss P.A.C. Griffin
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs Francis Roberts, of Parson's Green, London, and Philippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Griffin, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Mr J.R.B. Sutcliffe and Miss M. Pellegrino
The engagement is announced between Johnny, second son of Mr and Mrs John Sutcliffe, of Great Broughton, North Yorkshire, and Marcella, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Pellegrino, of Milan, Italy.

Mr M.J. Thackray and Miss E. Raby
The engagement is announced between Michael, second son of Mr and Mrs John Thackray, of Hemingford Abbots, Cambridgeshire, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Raby, of Lutton, Northamptonshire.

Marriages

Mr D.J. Hughes and Miss T.A. Mann
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, of Mr David Hughes, elder son of the Right Rev John Hughes, Bishop of Kensington, and of Mrs Hughes, to Miss Tracey Mann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Mann, of Lincoln. The Bishop of Kensington officiated, assisted by the Rev I. Robson. The Bishop of London pronounced the blessing.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sabrina Hume and Mrs Glen Hume. Mr Jonathan Hughes was best man.

A reception was held at St Mary Abbots Church Hall.

Mr C.J.W. Agnew and Miss A.J. Summers
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Bartholomew's, Haslemere, Surrey, of Mr Caspar Agnew, son of Mr Jonathan Agnew, of London, SW1, and the Hon Mrs A.J.M. Agnew, of London, SW3, to Miss Annabel Summers, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim Summers, of Godalming, Surrey. The Rev Neville Morton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Laura Ochoa, Camilla Watson, Marcus Watson and Miss Camilla Summers. Mr Christian Parker was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Mauritus.

Mr P.R.W. Pemberton and Mrs A.D. Pascal
The marriage took place quietly at Trumpington, Cambridge, on Saturday, April 6, between Peter Pemberton, son of Sir Francis and Lady Pemberton, and Anthea Pascal, daughter of the late Mr Merrick Coveney and the late Mrs Diana Coveney.

Mr N.E. Rebbeck and Miss L. Connor
A service of blessing was held at St Mary's Church, Iping, after the marriage in Chichester, on Friday, April 5, between Mr Nicholas Edward Rebbeck, younger son of the late Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Rebbeck, CB, KBE, and the late Lady Rebbeck, and Miss Lindsay Connor, daughter of the late Mr Cyril Connor and of Mrs M.I. Connor, of Lovehill House, Trotton.

Mr B.R.J. Damerell and Miss A. Witt
The marriage took place on Easter Monday, at the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, of Rupert Damerell, son of Mr and Mrs D.V. Damerell, of Houghton, Cambridgeshire, to Anne, daughter of the late Dr Jörn Witt and of Mrs Thea Witt, of Hildesheim, Germany. The Dean, the Rev John Drury, officiated, assisted by the Rev Canon Norman Barnett.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle Mr Andreas Marcks, was attended by Miss Ulrike Witt and by Amaryllis Thornber and Christian Damerell. Stephen Layton was best man.

A reception was held in Newnham College and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.P. Harland and Miss F. McLardy
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 6, 1991, at Poynton Church, Cheshire, between Mr Andrew Peter Harland, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Harland, of Bicester, Oxon, and Miss Fiona McLardy, daughter of Mrs Michal McLardy, of Poynton, Cheshire.

Dr M.W. May and Mrs L.C. East
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 6, at the Kensington and Chelsea Register Office, Chelsea, London, of Dr Michael May, son of Mr and Mrs W.A. May, of Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, to Mrs Linda East, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.B. Clarke, of Denham, Buckinghamshire.

The couple are spending a few days in Paris.

Appointment

Mr Anthony Gill to be pro-chancellor of Cranfield Institute of Technology with effect from May 1.

OBITUARIES

VISCOUNT DE L'ISLE

Viscount De L'Isle, VC, KG, PC, GCMG, GCVO, soldier, businessman, former government minister and governor-general of Australia, 1961-65, died on April 5 aged 81. He was born on May 23, 1909.

VISCOUNT De L'Isle came of a family with a tradition of adventure and involvement in the nation's affairs, but always with the family seat to return to. Penshurst Place, near Tonbridge, dating back 600 years and belonging to the family since 1552, was his retreat and base. It is the subject of one of Ben Jonson's finest poems, which extols the nature of the Jacobean mansion and its relationship to the surrounding community. His many-sided role suited him as a descendent of Sir Philip Sidney, the courtier, poet, soldier and statesman. "Whither the fates call me," is the family motto.

Educated at Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge, William Philip Sidney was the 6th baron and a baronet, succeeding his father in 1945. He was created a viscount in 1956. He was commissioned in the supplementary reserve, Grenadier Guards, in 1929 and during the war made his mark as a soldier in a feat of bravery which the regiment remembers with pride. After a variety of postings, he was promoted major and posted to 5th Battalion Grenadier Guards in North Africa as a company commander. In the fierce fighting which followed the allied landings at Anzio, he was awarded the Victoria Cross "for superb courage and utter disregard of danger" near Carroceto.

The action came during February 6-10, 1944, which was of critical importance to the Anzio beachhead. The Germans attacked a British division with elements of six different divisions and hand-to-hand local battles were fought. During the night of February 7-8 Major Sidney was commanding a support company of a battalion of the Grenadier Guards. When enemy infantry heavily attacked near his company headquarters he collected the crew of a 3-inch mortar firing near by and led an attack with Tommy guns and hand grenades, driving the enemy out of the gully. He and a handful of men took up their positions on the edge of the gully to beat off the enemy again. They kept most out but some reached a ditch only 20 yards in front, from which they could have outflanked his position.

In full view and completely exposed, he dashed forward to engage the enemy with his Tommy gun at point-blank range, driving them back with dead left behind them. Back again on the edge of the gully, he kept two guardsmen with him and sent the rest back for more ammunition and grenades. The Germans renewed their attack and a grenade bounced off Sidney's face and exploded, wounding him and one guardsman and killing the second man. Single-handed and wounded in the thigh, Sidney kept the enemy at bay until the ammunition party returned five minutes later when once more the Germans were pushed back. Just as he was on his way to a nearby cave to have his wound dressed, the enemy attacked again so he returned to his post and fought for another hour until the left of the battalion was consolidated and the enemy finally driven off. The citation said: "Only then Major Sidney, by that time weak from loss of blood and barely able to walk, allowed his wound to be attended to....There is no doubt that as a result of his action taken in the face of great odds the battalion's position was re-established with vitally far-reaching consequences on the battle as a whole."

Sidney had married in June 1940 Jacqueline Corinne Yvonne Vereker, only daughter of Viscount Gort, VC, himself a Grenadier who was awarded the Victoria Cross in the first world war. It was appropriate therefore that he was decorated with a piece of the Victoria Cross ribbon, cut from Lord Gort's tunic, at the Anzio beach-head on April 2, 1944. He was presented with the Victoria Cross by the King at Buckingham Palace in October that year.

He was transferred to the regular army reserve of officers for parliamentary duties and was returned unopposed as a National Conservative for Chelsea, his birthplace, in 1944. After only a few months in the Commons he succeeded to the barony but he was there long enough to be appointed parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Pensions in the Conservative caretaker government. His maiden speech, when he moved the address in reply to the King's Speech after only a month in the Commons, was far reaching in its survey of the state of the war, enlivened by personal observation of operations and ringing in its phrases: it indicated a talent which the Commons was so soon to lose.

Maintaining an active interest in the Conservative party, he became in 1948 its joint treasurer. With the return of the Conservatives to power in 1951, he was appointed Secretary of State for Air by Sir Winston Churchill and brought to the job his customary *élan*. He was the first minister to go up in a nightfighter, flying in a Meteor in an exercise over Germany. He was soon up again in a Canberra bomber and took flying lessons himself, always with the instinct of not wishing to be out of the action. When he resigned after four years because Sir Anthony Eden wanted the post to be held by a member of the Commons, Eden wrote to him: "The whole of the air force at home and abroad have come to know of your devotion to the service". He had thrown himself wholeheartedly into the job and had paid particular attention to the conditions under which men in the service were living. In furtherance of this he had toured many parts of the world. In August 1952 he made an 8,000 mile inspection tour of the Middle East RAF establishments. On a visit to Australia he also inspected the weapons research establishments at Salisbury and Woomera.

He was made a viscount when he left the Air Ministry and abbreviated his inherited title name by dropping the "and Dudley" element. Once he had been guest of honour at USAF headquarters at Ruislip, Middlesex, and arrived as Lord De L'Isle and Dudley at the top table to find out that two places had been set for him.

With his war record and go-getting approach, De L'Isle was put forward in 1961 to be governor-general of Australia, an appointment which was welcomed by Mr Menzies, the Australian prime minister, but attacked by the opposition. The Australian Labor party held the view that the governor-general should be an Australian citizen. When the time came for De L'Isle to leave Australia in 1965 Menzies received the news with regret and said the government would have wished, if circumstances had permitted, to extend the appointment so that De L'Isle could continue with the work he had carried out so well.

As with the RAF, De L'Isle believed in involvement. He went into the property business in Australia, buying two properties in northern New South Wales and forming a company. The move was intended to continue the family links with Australia. While he was in Australia he showed himself to be ahead of his time in attacking modern architecture, which much later became a more fashionable pursuit. An honorary fellow of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, he told 400 architects at the institute's convention: "In every city or the same dreary, glass-coven vated matchboxes stacked up row of tombstones, their sk decorated by fuel-oil tank lifts."

His business acumen was sought after and at various ti directorships included the. shire Bank, Schweppes, Match Corporation, Courta Barclay, Lloyds Bank and P Assurance, of which he was man from 1966-78. He w chairman of Palmerston P Development. He was neve to state his views, not least i to Tony Benn when De attacked the opinion that tional investors had failed vide industry with enough an argument that surfaces fr to time. Insurance compani the custodians of the fund general public, he said. De L' always concerned about th sive effects of inflation and rights of the individual. Th cern took shape with his ch ship (and later presidency National Association for F whose charter of 15 basic a drafted by Ross McWhirte his murder in 1975 by the that time De L'Isle though the country travelling to drab collectivism and sai threats to freedom includ tion, the growing machi government and the e liamentary power of the le organised labour. One of th ation's most important throughs came with a rulir European Court of Huma that it was a violation of rights to dismiss three refusing to join a union. N less, as a result of some of l and actions he was regardec quarters as an extreme rigl in his later years.

But he was never withc alry, even to a wartime en helped to raise a fund in which Winston Church scribed £25, to provide Bri assistance for the defence Marshal von Manstein charged with war crimes. D reason was that he co British counsel necessary adequate defence. Mans sentenced to 18 years' i ment, later reduced to 12 y he was released for good co May 1953.

Viscount De L'Isle's f died in 1962 and he secondly, in 1966, Marga Glanusk, widow of the 3 Glanusk. She survives hin son and four daughters c marriage. The heir to th son, Major the Hon P Algernon Sidney, MBE.

SIR ALAN ORR

Sir Alan Orr, PC, OBE, a Lord Justice of Appeal from 1971 to 1980, died on April 3 aged 80. He was born on February 21, 1911.

ALAN Orr was a quiet unassuming judge of exceptional quality. His career reminds us that good judges do not need, and are often better without, a charismatic public personality. In court he listened, he perceived truth with a quick and accurate mind and he knew the law: the result was findings of fact based on a detailed and perceptive understanding of the evidence, with the law applied accurately and lucidly. Not many appeals against an Orr judgment succeeded. Few outside the legal profession and the business community knew of him: he did justice consistently — and that is not news.

Alan Stewart Orr was born in Scotland. He made the journey south and, like so many other fine Scotsmen, enriched England with his talent. His gifted mind soon showed itself. From Fettes he went to Edinburgh University where he obtained a first in classics. He was then, like other brilliant Scots, drawn to Oxford by the magnetic influence of Balliol, where he took a first in law.

He was called to the English Bar in 1936 with a certificate of honour gained in his bar examinations. In the war he served in the equipment branch of the Royal Air Force reaching the rank of wing commander and being appointed OBE. He was a Harmsworth scholar of the Middle Temple.

After the war he returned to the bar where he at once established himself in practice. As a junior barrister he displayed his talent at its best. Lucky was the leader who had Alan Orr as his junior. His grasp of fact and law and his speed in analysing the complexities of a case were invaluable to the many silks with whom he was briefed. And he never sought the limelight — a mercy which many leaders thankfully recognised and which, of course, greatly strengthened the teamwork which cases of complexity demand of the lawyers engaged. His practice was largely in London but he did work on circuit, becoming Recorder of New Windsor in 1958 and deputy-chairman for a time of Oxford court of sessions. For a few months before his elevation to the bench he was Recorder of Oxford.

He made his name at the bar by his service as junior counsel to the Inland Revenue from 1957 to 1963 when he took silk. Tax, with its complexities of facts, figures and law was the sort of challenge he liked and met with ease. Tax being the universal scourge that it is, he needed to dig deep in many fields of the law. He was well fitted to do so. But he was more than merely competent. He was also well aware of the need to be fair to the tax payer. Judges knew they could rely on him and his opponents had the same confidence. There were few more trusted "tax devils" than Alan Orr.

He was appointed a High Court judge in 1965. Some thought it strange of the Lord Chancellor to have appointed him to the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division where he had seldom appeared as a barrister. But that was the way things were managed those days. In fact, to such a fine lawyer with wide experience and a mastery of a difficult field of the law, learning the intricacies of divorce law presented no problems. He proved to be an excellent and understanding divorce judge.

In 1971, he was appointed to the Court of Appeal where he served with distinction until he retired through ill-health in 1980. He had been struck by a vehicle as he was leaving the High Court in May the previous year and had sustained head injuries and a broken leg.

In his private life he was a delight. A devoted husband and father, he found time to help his wife, Molly, who died in 1986, bring up four fine sons. Law and his family occupied his life: but he did manage some rather strange golf every now and then with his friends. His contribution to English law may remain unsung: but he was a judge of talent and character who seldom made a mistake. He did justice quietly, effectively, and consistently well.

His four sons all survive him.

BILL PONSFOR

Bill Ponsford, Australian Test batsman of the 1930s, died on April 6 in Kyneton, Victoria, aged 90. He was born at North Fitzroy, Melbourne, on October 19, 1900.

THE oldest surviving Test cricketer, William Harold Ponsford was also the only man to pass 400 twice. Only illness, which affected him on one tour to England, and the bowling of Larwood in the notorious "bodyline" series of 1932-3 ever notably unsettled him. He followed a first century for Victoria in 1922 with a maiden hundred against England at Melbourne in the next season, but on his first visit to England in 1926 his form suffered from ill-health.

By the following winter he had recovered and averaged 130 for Victoria, scoring hundreds in five successive matches. In England in 1934 he averaged 55 in Tests with a century at the Oval, but he far surpassed this on his last tour in 1934. With scores of 181 at Leeds and 266 at the Oval his average in the Tests was 94 and his aggregate for the summer 1,784.

Yet although he made over 2,000 runs in international cricket, his record is memorable chiefly for the other immense scores and partnerships standing to With his preliminar movements forwar he was not a g elegant batsman, bu of an unorthodox u bat (which was sai been the heaviest ir hundred years) he hard to dismiss an was once set the bow well have been ex giving up hope. Few wielded a bat that broad. Larwood, alone, exploited a we the leg stump.

Among his fines mances were his Tasmania in 1923 a against Queensland both made at M. Ponsford was associ Woodfull in many bi partnerships, 375 ag South Wales being t est, though before th shared 456 with E. F In 1934 he had stan and 388 with Bradm Oval and Leeds.

He was often said only player who coul an enterprise with Br an equal. There w thing of the Bradman about his batting e lacked the Don's gen

He retired in 193 scored 13,819 runs in cricket at an average including 47 centuri

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit Hampton Court Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Council of Physical Recreation, will attend a consultation on fair play in sport at St George's House, Windsor, at 9.30.

Prince Edward will open the St Albans Driver Assessment Centre of the College of Driver Education at the Civic Centre at 10.00.

The Princess Royal will open the Association of District Councils' 1991 tourism and leisure conference at the St Andrew's and Blackfriars Halls, Norwich, at 1.30; and, as Patron of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, will attend a reception at the Nottinghamshire Constabulary Headquarters, Sherwood Lodge, Arnold, Nottingham, at 6.30.

Wendy Hanson

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Wendy Hanson will be held at St Simon Zelotes Church, Milner Street, London, SW3, on Monday, May 20, at noon.

Birthdays today

Mr Hywel Bennett, actor, 47; Sir Cyril Black, former MP, 89; the Hon Alick Buchanan-Smith, MP, 59; General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, 67; Mr J.P. Kavanagh, racehorse trainer, 48; Sir Neil Lawson, former High Court judge, 83; Air Commandant Dame Alice Lowrey, former matron-in-chief, PMRAFNS, 86; Mrs Mary Moore, former principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 61; Mr W. Garth Morrison, Chief Scout, 48; Mr Eric Porter, actor, 63; Mr Ian Smith, former Prime Minister of Rhodesia, 72; Professor Maurice Stacey, chemist, 84; Miss Dorothy Tutin, actress, 60.

Viscount De L'Isle, VC, KG,

William Philip Sidney, Viscount De L'Isle, VC, KG, died peacefully on April 5, 1991. The funeral will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, April 11, at St John the Baptist, Penshurst. A memorial service will be held in London later.

Nature notes has been held over until tomorrow

Orchids and dwarf bulbs star at international show

THE alpine show being held in conjunction with the international rock garden plant conference at Warwick university is the largest ever staged (Alan Toogood writes).

In the competitive classes plants from every mountain range in the world are to be seen, including recently introduced alpines from New Zealand, such as a dwarf creeping plant with lilac flowers called *Chinohebe Densifolia*, which gained a first prize for Mr S.D. Taylor, of Warwick.

The show is very strong on miniature and dwarf bulbs, and terrestrial orchids, with a superb collection of the latter being exhibited by Dr T. Norman, of Blandford, Dorset, a leading authority on ground orchids.

The Royal Horticultural Society's Sewell Medal for six pans of rock plants has been won by Mrs K.N. Dryden, of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire. In the open section the plant judged best in show is a dwarf rhododendron-like shrub with pink flowers named *Rhodothamnus Chamaecistus*, shown by Dr J.E.G. Good, of Penmaenmawr, Gwynedd. It has won the Farrer and Forrest medals and was also judged best large plant in the open section.

The best small plant in the open section is *Saxifraga Georgei*, shown by Mr G. Mawson, of Dronfield, Derbyshire. This is a notoriously difficult plant to flower but this specimen is smothered with white flowers.

The best plants in the amateur sections are: *Soldanella Austriaca*, an alpine-meadow plant with white, fringed, bell-shaped flowers shown by Mr C. Carr, of Woodthorpe; and *Primula Elatior*, a British native oxlip with pendulous clusters of pale yellow flowers, shown by Mr and Mrs John Woodley, of Rugby, Warwickshire.

The show, organised jointly by the Alpine Garden Society and the Scottish Rock Garden Club, in the arts centre of the university, is open until Wednesday from 8am to 6.30pm and 8.30pm to 10pm.

Memorial services

His Honour Rowe Harding
The Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan was represented by Mr Robert Hastie at a service of thanksgiving for the life of His Honour Rowe Harding held on Saturday at St Mary's, Swansea. The Right Rev B.N.Y. Vaughan officiated.

Mr John Harding, son, and Mrs Jane O'Rorke, daughter, read the lessons. Canon Don Lewis, Vicar of Swansea and Precentor of Brecon Cathedral, and the Rev Ann Lewis, Chaplain to the Lord Lieutenant, led the prayers. Mr Tony Lewis and Judge Michael Evans, QC, gave addresses.

The Ven Sidney Harvie-Clark
A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Ven Sidney (Pushie) Harvie-Clark was held on Saturday in Lincoln Cathedral. The Dean of Lincoln officiated. The Bishop of Grantham led the prayers and Canon R.G. Lunt read the lesson.

The Right Rev Kenneth Riches gave an address and pronounced the blessing. The Archdeacons of Lincoln, Lindsey and Stow were among those robed and in the Choir.

Appointment the Forces

The Army

Appointments

COLONELS: P J M Field 8.4.91; C B Fairweather – Scottish Div, 8.4.91.
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Retirements

BRIGADIER: J M Taylor 13.4.91.
COLONELS: J L Barker 13.4.91; R A Crawley 13.4.91; J J McMullen Corps, 13.4.91; G A T 13.4.91.

Royal Air Force

Appointments

AIR VICE-MARSHAL: P E To be DA & Hd of BDS W AIR COMMODORE: P D MOD.
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On April 2nd, home in her y Diana, aged wife of the late ickolls. Much of John and much loved Funeral Saints Church, at 1 pm pril 10th.

PRESCOTT – On April 4th 1991, peacefully at High Trees Nursing Home, Norwood Hill, Surrey, Barbara (née Rickards) aged 84, widow of Jack Prescott, late of Capel, Surrey, mother of Bridget, Judy and Robert. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Sherlock & Sons, Dorking. (0306) 882266.

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ROYLE - On April 5th, 1991, peacefully at his home, Eric Vernon, aged 85 years, of Hove, Sussex. Dearly beloved husband of Marjorie, loved father of Peter and David and much loved grandfather of Cindy, Debbie, Tina, Sandie, Lisa, Timothy, Mandy and Gemma. Funeral Service at All Saints' Church, Patcham, Brighton, on Friday April 12th at 2 pm. Flowers or donations (Dr. Chamberlain Heart Support Trust) c/o Hanningtons Funeral Directors, Montefiore Road, Brighton, tel: (0273) 778733.

SHEARS - On April 4th, Marjorie Anna, aged 92 at Corbrook Court, Audlem Cheshire; formerly of Torquay. Beloved widow of Harold Ashton and much loved mother of Ted, Charles and Angela. Cremation at Bradwell Crematorium, Newcastle under Lyme on April 11th at 2pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to the Stafford Swallows Disabled Sports Club, 1 Kingsley Road, Stafford.

SKELTON - On April 2nd, peacefully, Frances of 21 The Hermitage, Lewisham. Beloved wife of the Late John, sister of Constance and Aunt of Margaret, Lesley, Mac, Christopher and David. Unfailingly thoughtful and loving to her family, a true friend to many, and sorely missed by all who knew her. Funeral service at Lewisham Crematorium on Thursday April 11th at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Miss. F. Lang, C/o James and Charles Dodd, solicitors, 77 Lewisham High Street, SE13 5JX. These will be shared between Frances' favorite charities.

SPRAY - On April 4th 1991. Margaret loved wife of Bob and mother of Christine, Alison, Julia, Gillian and Andrew. Funeral at St Andrew's, Kingswood on Friday April 12th at 1.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Alder Hey Children's Hospital 75th Birthday Appeal.

TAYLOR - On April 3rd, 1991, at Exeter, Lady Rosamond Georgina Taylor, aged 93 years, widow of Dr. Sir Thomas Taylor, C.B.E., and younger daughter of the late Col. and Mrs. T. E. J. Lloyd of Plas Tregayan, Anglesey. Cremation private (family and close friends). Memorial Service to be announced later. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to Exeter Cathedral Musical Foundation.

WHITE – On April 3rd 1991, peacefully in hospital, Jim, aged 89, of Westley Court, Cookley, nr. Kidderminster. Ex Chairman of Midland Counties Dairies Ltd. Funeral service and cremation, Thursday April 11th 2.30 pm at Stourbridge Crematorium. Flowers, if desired, c/o A.J. Timmins & Son Ltd., 142 Stourbridge Road, Halesowen for 12 noon, tel: (021) 550-1345.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KOOPMAN - The family of the late Jacques Koopman would like to express their sincere thanks to all friends and colleagues for their kind messages of sympathy, condolences and donations received following the recent sad bereavement. London, Manchester and Amsterdam.

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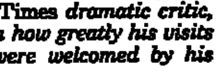

Maximilian Beerbohm, known as Max (1872-1956), ritic, broadcaster, essayist onist, lived for long periods . This "interview" by A.B. the Times *dramatic critic, plain how greatly his visits d were welcomed by his*

AX'S ARRIVAL
N IMAGINARY
NVERSATION

vas a startling announce- *The Times* the other Mr. Max Beerbohm had London from Rapallo, and ith the preparations for an of his new caricatures. at: no clue to his where- furnished. Max was busy gnito. Fortunately, an g evening journal fur- lue. It professed to have Max in an hotel (un- an altogether unexpected y, then, it was of no use to n at places like the Ritz or or the Savoy. I guessed he chosen one of those quiet the Burlington Gardens ood, associated by the vith the shyer types of hy not Brown's Hotel? Daudet had once stayed Max was not at Brown's. t Garland's in Suffolk , he wasn't there, either. I l London and at last in a remote City hostelry t have been frequented in y by the elder Mr. Weller apparently not much ice.

ained that he had chosen nore or less on the site of . Grub Street, and as a to the *genius loci* he was latinous mess which he e cowheel. He was eating liar way, making a noisy ion of "wolfing" it, as ed to wolf his plate of hind the screen at Mr. . John's Gate, but really the Oxford manner.

It must be quite a long time since Mr. Beerbohm last arrived in London from Rapallo, some fifteen or even eighteen months, and our talk fell upon the many exciting events that had happened in the interval. There was the partial closing of St. Paul's, the projected demolition of Waterloo Bridge and the removal of Eros from Piccadilly Circus. Might we not hope for caricatures suggested by these burning topics?

No, said Max. I cling for my subject to the immutable and the eternal. There are still my old friends Osbert and Sacheverell, and I like drawing parrots; Roger Fry still has his *tignasse*; and there are always Sir Arthur's eyebrows. These are the things one broods over at Rapallo. And the public at caricature exhibitions prefer the old jokes.

Come out of it Max. Cease meditating alone upon the Italian uplands, quit this Pickwickian retreat, and emerge into the light of day. Have you seen "No, no, Nanette"? Have you used Pears' soap? Have you read "The Constant Nymph?"

No, why? asked Max.

Oh! I don't know, it's the usual question.

I felt that the conversation was becoming strained, and shortly took my leave. But not without a sad thought on the distinguished Englishmen exiled in Italy by climate and the affections or caprice or the fall of the lira. The voluntary exile of a caricaturist seems the very superfluity of naughtiness. It is like Victor Hugo fulminating against the Second Empire from the island of Guernsey or an American novelist satirizing the English peer or the English butler from the recesses of Poughkeepsie, or Dante describing the topography of Paradise and the Infernal regions from the Tuscan hills. Assuredly, it was high time for Mr. Max Beerbohm to arrive in London. And now that he is here, and, to quote the language of the announcement, busy, I propose that London should refuse to part with him for at least a calender month. Let him be held fast and compelled to caricature everybody, great or small, with the slightest recognizable particularity — eyebrows, or big nose, or shock of hair, or whatever.

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COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
(Incorporated in Canada)
TORONTO GREY & BRUCE RAILWAY COMPANY

Copies of the Balance Sheet of the above Company as at December 31 1990 are available and may be obtained from this office during normal business hours.

D.R. KEAST
Deputy Secretary
62-65 Trafalgar Square,
London WC2N 5DY.
April 2 1991.

PUBLIC NOTICES

The University of Nottingham
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Saturday 11th May 1991
Programme and other details for the day available from Convocation Secretary University of Nottingham, NG7 2RD.

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The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number 151598-SC.

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The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. Copies can be obtained from them at St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, (ref: 210266A/1-CD(Ldn1).

LEGAL NOTICES

AES Medway Ltd
Notice of an Application for Consent to Construct and Operate AES Medway at The Isle of Grain

Notice is hereby given that AES Medway Ltd ("the Company") has applied under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 ("the Act") for the consent of the Secretary of State for Energy to construct and operate a 770 MW power plant, comprising 450 MW gas fired combined cycle plant and 320 MW of open cycle peaking plant on land at The Isle of Grain, and for a direction under section 90 (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection during normal office hours at the following addresses: Rochester upon Medway City Council, City Technical Department, Civic Centre, Strood, Kent. Kent County Council, Planning Department, Sandling Block, Springfield, Maidstone, Kent. Also at Chatham, Rochester, Strood, Hoo and Grain public Libraries.

In addition, copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained at a cost of £30 from Jacqueline Elton, AES Medway Ltd, Boston House, The Little Green, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1QE while stocks last. If further information is required about the project please contact the company.

Any objections should be made in writing to the Secretary of State for Energy, Electricity Division "A", Room 2.3.15, 1 Palace Street, Victoria, London SW1E 5HE, referring to "AES Medway" and the grounds of objection, not later than 28 days after the date of this notice.

Choice Retail Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)

Registered Number: 1897261. Nature of business: Confectionist & Tobacconist. Trade Classification: 16. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 20th March 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Palmer & Harvey. Brian Mills & Colin George Wiseman Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos: 2305 and 6712) of Booth White 6, Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London E14 9SN.

HUMBERSIDE COMMERCIAL AVIATION LIMITED

Registered Number: 2263939. Nature of business: AIR TRANSPORT. Trade classification: 29. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 March 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: MIDLAND BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: GORDON CHRISTOPHER HORSFIELD AND ROGER MARSH (office holder nos): 5899 and 5925. Address: Price Waterhouse 9 Bond Court Leeds LS1 2SN.

IN THE MATTER OF
L P S BUILDING SERVICE ENGINEERS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 28th day of May 1991 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned SURJIT KUMAR SINGLA, FCA of SINGLA & COMPANY Chartered Accountants, 49 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 4SA, the Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 28th day of March 1991
S. K. SINGLA
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
PISCES BUSINESS EQUIPMENT LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 7th day of May, 1991, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned ALLAN J CLARK and COLIN C WISEMAN of 142/148 Main Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 6NZ the Joint Liquidators of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidators, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 28th day of March, 1991
A. J CLARK
and C. G. WISEMAN
Joint Liquidators

LEGAL NOTICES

ENTERPRISE BEARINGS GROUP LIMITED
IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP

Take notice that we, David Alastair thomas Wood, FCA and Peter Scholey Dunn, FCA of Latham Crossley & Davis, Arkwright House, Parsonage Gardens, Manchester, M3 2LE were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers in this matter on 8th March 1991 by The Royal Bank of Scotland under the powers contained in a debenture dated 31st August 1990.

Dated this 8th day of March 1991
D A T Wood FCA
and P S Dunn FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder Numbers: 002962 and 002368

IN THE MATTER OF
LAZER KARTING LIMITED
Trading As MADTRAX
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 3rd day of May 1991, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Keith David Goodman, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 22nd day of March 1991
K. D. Goodman.
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
MAXIE'S DONUT DINER PLC.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 9th day of May 1991, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Kevin Paul Barry, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 28th day of March 1991
K. P. Barry
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
HEAVEN RECRUITMENT LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 26th March 1991.

DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA,
Liquidator.
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P. O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF
LAZER KARTING LIMITED
Trading As MADTRAX
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4 106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 22nd March 1991.

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA,
Liquidator.
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P. O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF
KAY SMITH ENTERPRISES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 27th March 1991.

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH, 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA,
Liquidator.
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P. O. Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

LEGAL NOTICES

ASSOCIATE PUBLISHING LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of Creditors of the above company will be held at 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST on Thursday the 26th day of April 1991 at 11.00 am for the purpose of dealing with Sections 99 to 101 of the said act. A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 23rd and 24th April 1991

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge proofs of their debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST no later than 4.00 pm on 24 April 1991. Secured creditors (unless they surrender their security) must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting. They may then vote in respect of the balance after deducting the value of their security.

Dated this 27th day of March 1991
H West
Director

IN THE MATTER OF
MAXIE'S DONUT DINER PLC.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4 106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I Kevin Paul Barry, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 28th March 1991.

DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 1991
Kevin Paul Barry, FCA,
Liquidator.
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P. O Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF
EXCLUSIVE AUTOMATIC GARAGE DOORS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of creditors of the above-named company convened under the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and held on 28th March 1991, I Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, was duly appointed Liquidator of the above-named company.

Dated this 3rd day of April 1991

K & P MOTORS LIMITED

We D Swaden, F C A & D Power, F C.A. Of Leonard Curtis & Partners, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester Were Appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of K & P Motors Limited, Registered No. 2066413. By National Westminster Bank P.L.C. On Wednesday, 13th March, 1991. Under the powers contained in a Debenture Dated 22nd. September, 1989.

D Swaden, F C A
& D. Power, F.C.A.
Joint Administrative Receivers

MATES LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
(Company Number 1620987)

Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 24th of April 1991 to send in their names and addresses, with particulars of their Debts or Claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Mark Gordon of 50 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0HQ, the Joint Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are by their Solicitors or personally to come in and prove their Debts or Claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Mark Gordon
Joint Liquidator
Dated: 5th April 1991

MORLEY WALTERS LIMITED

I, Terence John Roper FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 26th March 1991 by the Members and Creditors.

Dated 2 April 1991
T J Roper FIPA
Liquidator

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
ANTRY LIMITED

Registered Number: 1068876. Former company names: ANGLO NORDEN (TIMBER) LIMITED. Trading names: ANTRY LIMITED formerly ANGLO NORDEN (TIMBER) LIMITED. Nature of business: TIMBER IMPORTERS. Trade classification: 9. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: UNIBANK plc. Joint Administrative receivers (office holder nos): J. D. Cross, 1066 and R. H. Oldfield, 2815. Address: KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, Chater House, 37 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1XL.

PEXHURST LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that PHILIP MONJACK, FCA and KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London, W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Tuesday, 26th March, 1991 by National Westminster Bank Plc under the powers contained in a Debenture secured by a Fixed and Floating Charge dated 3rd May, 1989.

Dated the 26th day of March 1991
P. MONJACK, FCA
and K.D. GOODMAN, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

LEGAL NOTICES

JAMES W. SERGEANT LIMITED

I, Terence John Roper FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 18th February 1991 by the Members and Creditors

Dated 2 April 1991
T J Roper FIPA
Liquidator

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF COLEMAN BROS (TAMWORTH) LIMITED

On 28 March 1991 the above named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Mr Richard James Rees of Price Waterhouse, Southgate House, 61 Millstone Lane Leicester, LE1 5QA was appointed liquidator by the members.

The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator at the above address by 30 April 1991 which is the last date for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to the creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The company is able to pay all known creditors in full.

Dated this 28 March 1991
R J REES
LIQUIDATOR

PRINTING COLOUR P L C
(IN LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE is hereby given that Adam Inglis Armstrong and Laurence Douglas Grainger of 10 Somerset Place Glasgow G3 7JT were appointed Joint Interim Liquidators of the above company by Interlocutor of the Court of Session on 6th March, 1991.

Pursuant to Section 138(4) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 4.12 of the Insolvency (Scotland) Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that the first meeting of creditors of the company will be held in the Vanderbilt Hotel 76 Cromwell Road, London SW7 on Tuesday 16th April, 1991 at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of choosing a liquidator who may either be the interim liquidators or any other person qualified to act as liquidator. The meeting may also consider other resolutions referred to in Rule 4.12(3).

To be entitled to vote at the meeting, creditors who have lodged their claims with us at the meeting or at the undernoted address prior to the meeting. Voting may either be in person by the creditors, or by form of proxy. To be valid, the proxy must be lodged with us at the meeting or at the undernoted address prior to the meeting. A resolution at the meeting is passed if a majority in favour of those voting vote in favour of it.

Your attention is also drawn to rules 4.15 - 4.17 and 7 of the Insolvency (Scotland) Rules 1986.

Laurence D Grainger.
Adam I Armstrong
Joint Interim Liquidators.
Grainger & Co.,
Chartered Accountants,
Somerset House,
10, Somerset Place,
Glasgow G3 7JT
Dated 25th March, 1991

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
U S M MAGAZINE LIMITED
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 30 day of April 1991, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, Richard William James Long of Robson Rhodes, Bryanston Court, Selden Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4TN the Joint Liquidator of the Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator either personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice and in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proven.

DATED this 22nd day of March 1991
Richard William James Long
Joint Liquidator

To Stephen Pelle late of 134 Kingsway, Orpington, Kent

Take notice that a Third Party action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, 1989 A No 2080 by Racasco Limited of Unit 1, Maybells Industrial Estate, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 0TT (First Defendants) and Robert Schuman (Second Defendant) of the same address, in which the First and Second Defendants claim is for

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that you must within 21 days from the publication of this advertisement inclusive of the day of such publication, acknowledge service of the said Third Party Notice by completing a prescribed Form of Acknowledgement of Service which may be obtained on request from the Solicitors whose name and address appear below, otherwise judgment may be entered against you.

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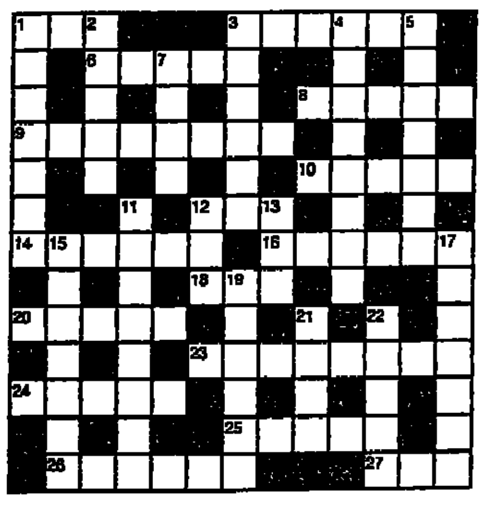

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O'Neill finds a watery grave

THEATRE

Mourning Becomes Electra
Citizens, Glasgow

"WHEN a play by O'Neill sinks, it sinks not trivially," wrote the critic George Jean Nathan, "but with a certain majesty, like a great ship, its flags flying." That certainly seemed the case in Glasgow. There were impressive folk on the bridge, Glenda Jackson and Gerard Murphy among them; but one by one they slipped beneath the ocean surface, leaving behind a few bubbles and the memory of much earnest rhetoric. *Mourning Becomes Electra* had heftily plunged to a watery grave.

Was the wreck O'Neill's fault or that of his latest director, Philip Prowse? Much as I hate to concede it, the vessel is hard to keep afloat, let alone steer from America to Britain. If the authors of *Dynasty* adapted the Oedipus myth, it could not be more unwieldy than O'Neill's four-hour *Oresteia*. By 1930, his lifelong search for explanations of his own pain had brought him to Freud, a thinker he then embraced with the instant but temporary wholeheartedness so characteristic of him. Indeed, he did not so much draw on psychological theory as splatter it across the theatre.

O'Neill's Agamemnon is Ezra Mannon, murdered by his wife Christine and her lover Adam on his return from the Civil War. His daughter Lavinia, as Electra, is rechristened, then persuades the all-American Orestes, Orin, to shoot Adam, causing Christine's suicide. It is often said that Aeschylus's Furies, which enter at about this point, embody Orestes's own agonies as well as primal forces in search of revenge. There is no such ambiguity in O'Neill. Orin's Furies consist solely of bits of post-Freudian id crashing into his post-Freudian ego.

But then everybody needs a stint on the couch. Christine clearly should talk through her incestuous feelings for her son. The same goes for Lavinia, besotted as she is with Ezra, and, of course, for Orin himself. Not only does he have dreams about murdering men who look like his father: he ends up treating his sister as a maternal sex-object, nuzzling Lavinia's breast with the same woozy enthusiasm he earlier brought to lying in Christine's lap. Every emotion is similarly obvious. At Glasgow, the impression is of a heavyhanded episode of *Shrinks* eccentrically located within the parameters of an ivy-encrusted hedge.

With white columns rising spookily behind it, and the hedge itself doubling as embossed panelling inside the Mannon house, Prowse's set takes on a suitably sombre look. He has, however, been less successful directing his actors than instructing his carpenters. Murphy's sullen growls bring Ezra to life, and there are moments of brooding introspection when he does the same for Orin, whom he also plays. But his frenzies are less plausible, and Georgina Hale's Lavinia, who is supposed increasingly to resemble the formidable mother she has ousted, rarely exudes more than adenoidal pique.

Eloquent sneers and sarcasm: Glenda Jackson as Christine

There is a lack of incisiveness around, a muddiness of emotion that affects even Glenda Jackson. Her Christine cuts a bold, commanding figure, and, though we have heard those singsong cadences rather often before, her sneers and sarcasm can be eloquent enough. Nobody can say "ho, ho, ho" or "heh, heh, heh" quite like her. But when she tells Adam, "I wanted you every possible moment we could steal", not only the writing proves embarrassing. The potential member for Hampstead seems as uncomfortable with love, either tender or obsessional, as she is at ease with power. Whatever this bodes for Parliament, it does not help O'Neill.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

OPERA

Boris Godunov
Covent Garden

ONE of the Royal Opera's great treasures, the only stage production created by Andrei Tarkovsky, is back after a year's loan to Russia, and back in shaking form, having been rehearsed by the director's assistant Irina Brown. As a Russian critic remarked after the first Leningrad performance, this is not Tarkovsky's *Boris*, except perhaps in the passionate humility and simplicity that force the self-denial, the utterly direct presentation of the drama.

However, the film-maker's eye can perhaps be detected in the use of lighting to achieve changes of focus, as when a sudden spot has the effect of a close-up. Perhaps, too, Tarkovsky reveals himself in the visual awkwardness of the Polish act, where the costumes and the moving statues look artificial in themselves, rather than offering a picture of artifice: this is the work of someone who cannot tell a lie. Yet the unconvincing nature of this act, which Mussorgsky added to his original scheme, is in the music too, so weakness here can be interpreted as strength.

The more positive signs of strength are in the sepia sombreness of the stage pictures, cut across only by the rich red of the boyars' uniform coats and the white of the halberdiers', in the tidal power and fluidity of the choral movement, and in the telling images with which the production is stamped, such as the boy reaching out an imploring hand to Boris at the end of the coronation scene

Within its power and determination the production — in this respect, too, following the work — leaves windows in which the main characters can be created by their singers. Paata Burchuladze presents a Boris loaded with guilt. Unimpressive as the newly crowned tsar (partly because of an uncontrolled vibrato), he jumps to harrowed life in the later scenes, and particularly in the melodramatic monologues.

Paolo Kudriavchenko, the odd spot of first-night difficulty apart, makes an outstanding case for the pretender as a bright, light-heroic Italianate voice rather than one of the untrustworthy Slavonic type. Eva Randova as his consort is radiant and sure except in a strident chest register which, though it aptly shows Marina's realism, needs to be more integrated into the vocal character. Stafford Dean is excellent as the suave but deeply intent Rangoni; Robert Tear offers a Shuisky who is content to remain aloof, biding his time, not troubling to ingratiate himself. Gwynne Howell repeats his sonorous Pimen, and there is a wonderfully lively new pair of miscreant monks in Eric Garrett and John Dobson.

Orchestral fluffs and moments of patchy ensemble will no doubt vanish in time: Gennadi Rozhdestvensky's conducting already responds to the bare sounds and unfinished forms of Mussorgsky's score in its original state.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

ROCK

Lemonheads
Astoria

OF THE current Lemonheads line-up, only singer, guitarist and songwriter Evan Dando was a member of the original group which emerged from Boston's Commonwealth High School in 1986. A gangling youth, stripped to the waist, and with his eyes permanently obscured by a curtain of lank brown hair, his studiously anti-charismatic bearing reminded me of Joey Ramone.

Memories of hardcore American punk were further stirred by a wild, scruffy show which was a throwback in virtually every regard to the days when unbridled energy and a wilful unprofessionalism were considered the hallmarks of good rock performance. The crowd went hopping mad, jostling and slam dancing, as well as swan-diving off the stage.

Dando, together with drummer Ben Daughtry and bassist Byron Hoagland, slouched on while the lights were still up and fiddled around with their equipment for a while. The audience paid no heed until, without preamble, the trio suddenly tore into the first number. With Dando's thrashy guitar drone driven at breakneck momentum by a pulverising beat, they whipped through five or six numbers without a pause. They fluffed the start of one song and immediately abandoned it. During another, one of Daughtry's cymbals detached itself and skidded across the stage. This all took about ten minutes.

Although Dando sang in a reasonably precise and measured style, and the set incorporated several slow, even melodic songs — notably the reflective "Ride With Me" from last year's *Lovey* album — such nuances were flattened by the explosive thrust of the presentation and its complete lack of coherent pacing.

Another string of numbers went past like a freight train going off a cliff. I spotted "(The) Door" and "Stove". Then, after about 45 minutes, they dumped their instruments and wandered off. A couple of encores later they were stopped by a signal from the management. "Is that all we're allowed to play?" enquired Dando, mildly. Not an especially upbeat parting shot, but one which summed up the rather throwaway air of a bemusing concert by a group of innocents abroad.

DAVID SINCLAIR

DANCE

Opera Sportif
Granby Halls, Leicester

GOOD intentions came sadly undone in the gloomy spaces of Leicester's big sports complex on Saturday as this "dance and sport extravaganza" unfurled in a series of disparate episodes hardly held together by the motif of a group of runners coming on to cover gaps between scenes.

The show, the centrepiece of the Leicester International Dance Festival, comprised brief demonstrations by local sports groups, and dance passages based on other sports. Unfortunately most of the energy had somehow drained out of the real sports people: some very feeble passes by two fencers; pensioners bowling wide of the mark on a presumably unsympathetic surface; cyclists who just rode round and round.

The best contributions came from Sarah Pike, "rock climbing" on a wall with holes in it, and from three trampolinists. A pity that these last could not have had their balletic jumps echoed by a virtuoso dancer, thus turning juxtaposition into interaction.

Lea Anderson, who arranged the whole event, was more at home in the dance sequences for her own group, The Cholmondeleys, augmented by local students from Leicester Polytechnic and Charles Keene College. Not that imitations of pot-holing (dancers wriggling on their bellies wearing headlamps) or ping-pong allow much scope for interesting movement, but tennis, golf and swimmers limbering up all served her characteristic patterns of rythmic simple gestures.

Those episodes, supported by Steve Blake's equally simple and repetitive score (like the sound from other peoples' Walkmans, amplified a hundredfold) pleased the audience's younger members. If only they could have gone straight off to the Haymarket theatre to catch the infinitely livelier and more professional production by the Stephen Petronio Company.

The programme was largely the one he showed in London last year, but included a revived version of *Simulacrum Reels*, which showed guest artist Michael Clark in unusual, exciting and beautifully stylish duets with Petronio and Mia Lawrence.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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NEW RELEASES

Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in New York's justice system. Electrifying performances (Nick Nolte, Armand Assante), though the end result carries less punch than expected. Director, Sidney Lumet.
Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ QUIGLEY DOWN UNDER (12): Tom Selleck as a 19th-century sharp-shooter protecting aborigines in the outback. Lazy Aussie Western with a dog-eared script. Laura San Giacomo; director Simon Wincer.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tsilla Chelton. Director Etienne Chatiliez.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful; director, Tristram Powell.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆ AWAKENINGS (12): Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients stricken with paralysis.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE BIG STEAL (15): Mild Australian comedy. Teenagers dominate, but Steve Bisley (an unscrupulous car dealer) gets the best laughs. Director, Nadia Tass.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6861) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402) Whiteleys (071 792 3303/3324)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6861) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly visualised, but windy drama, from the *My Left Foot* team.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Minema (071-235 4225) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

GOLDEN BRAID (15): Paul Cox's lachrymose strange tale of a clock repairer's obsession with a braid of hair adapted from de Maupassant. Chris Haywood, Gosia Dobrowolska.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ THE GODFATHER PART III (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga, handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia, Talia Shire.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Lifeless New York romantic comedy; director Peter Weir.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE GRIFTERS (18): Stephen Frears's dispersed version of Jim Thompson's conmen thriller. John Cusack, Anjelica Huston, Annette Bening, stranded in a glossy limbo.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Warner (071-439 0791).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family, depicted by master caricaturist Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving, with Alison Steadman.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumiere (071-836 0691).

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria, starring Maynard Eziashi.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

◆ MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman, director James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy, with a few tears from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress, Shirley MacLaine her mother. Director, Mike Nichols.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ APPROACHING ZANZIBAR: A family's car journey across America that brings fulfilment and hard-won joy. Attractive play by Tina Howe in the "Women in the Moon" season.
Man in the Moon, 392 King's Road, SW3 (071-351 2876). Underground: Sloane Square. April 11, 12 8.30pm. In repertory with *The False Coinand Kealy's Mother*.

☐ THE CURE AT TROY: Seamus Heaney's version of *Philoctetes* for Field Day. A raw drama of trust, duty and betrayal that transcends the ages from Ancient Greece to Ulster.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4pm. Running time: 1hr 20mins. Closes April 27.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's haunting memory-play sets catholic prudery up against pagan ecstasy. Alec McCowen and Dublin's Abbey Theatre.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell is average. French-boulevard stuff: mistresses, cover-ups and all that.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

▨ 42ND STREET: Irresistible tap-dancing novice-to-star musical back in town to give everyone a tonic.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Closes April 20.

☐ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist for a limited run.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins. Closes May 25.

☐ KIT AND THE WIDOW LAVISHLY MOUNTED!: Urbane cabaret from Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Sisson wittily pointing the finger at politics and culture.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time: 2hrs. Closes April 13.

■ THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN: The first of the Don Juan plays, by Tirso de Molina, with Linus Roache a thrilling rake.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 7pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins.

■ LULU: The charismatic Joanne Whalley Kilmer as Wedekind's voracious sex goddess littering the salons of Europe with corpses.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Underground: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Running time: 3hrs. Closes April 20.

☐ MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Roger Allam and Susan Fleetwood spar in Bill Alexander's eloquent production.
Barbican (as left). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins.

☐ MY LOVELY ... SHAYNA MAIDEL: An Auschwitz survivor meets the American half of her family. Anita Dobson in an accomplished and powerful play.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ OUR OWN KIND: Charlotte Coleman as a bright school girl caught up in a racial murder. Roy MacGregor's promising first play with excellent girl-talk.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Closes April 27.

▨ RICHARD III: Ian McKellen's chilling dictator in a Thirties setting. Richard Eyre's production returns after its world tour.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7pm. Running time: 3hrs 30mins.

▨ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

☐ TIMON OF ATHENS: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn that enlivens Shakespeare's blank spots.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins. Closes April 20.

▨ THE TRACKERS OF OXYRHYNCHUS: Last performances of Tony Harrison's brilliant version of a Greek satyr play.
National (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm, mat Wed 2pm. Running time: 1hr 50mins.

☐ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's production stresses comedy and motive: Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

☐ VICTORY: No punches pulled in Howard Barker's demolition of Charles II. Strong meat, stimulating theatre.
Greenwich Theatre, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). British Rail: Greenwich. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Closes April 13.

■ WHITE CHAMELEON: Christopher Hampton's low-powered exploration of the effects of Suez upon a watchful school boy. Israeli.
National (Cottesloe) (as above), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

☐ WHAT THE BUTLER SAW: Incest, assault and bisexual junketing preserved in the aspic of Joe Orton's wit.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time: 2hrs.

☐ WHY IS HERE THERE EVERYWHERE NOW: Ingenious Lumiere & Son production mixing up characters from Ibsen, Chekhov et al and bringing the audience in on the action. Good fun.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Running time: 3hrs. Closes Saturday.

LONG RUNNERS: ▨ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ▨ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ▨ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-437 3686) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . . ▨ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ▨ Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ Spirit of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) . . . ▨ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CORIOLANUS/THE WINTER'S TALE: The English Shakespeare Company — which firmly established a good following with the highly successful history play cycle *Wars of the Roses* — opens a London season with two productions directed by Michael Bogdanov and starring Michael Pennington in the leading roles. Supporting cast includes Lynn Farleigh as Virgilia and Hermione, and June Watson as Volumnia and Paulina. The season continues until May 11.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404), 7.30pm.

CARMEN JONES: Opening night of the first London staging of Hammerstein's Deep-South musical, based on Bizet's opera. Tonight the first set of principals, Americans Wilhelmenia Fernandez and Damon Evans, make their debuts in the leading roles. Simon Callow directs a cast of 52.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, London SE1 (071-928 7616), 7.45pm.

DIE ZAUBERFLOTE: Last performance of the Royal Opera revival of August Everding's production. Mikael Melbye is Papageno, Elizabeth Carter, Queen of the Night and Amanda Roocroft sings Pamina. Stephen Barlow conducts.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7pm.

STEPHEN PETRONIO: Well received at last autumn's Dance Umbrella festival, Petronio's company from New York returns to England for a short tour, presenting a mixed bill of works including the provocative *MiddleSex Gorge* with its corset-clad male dancers (Michael Clark makes a guest appearance).
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

GLORIA ESTEFAN: After recovering from a serious injury, the Queen of Cuban-flavoured pop returns with her Miami Sound Machine in tow, to present the usual blend of ballads, bounce and emotion.
Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234), 7.30pm.

ANTIQUE CHINESE ACCESSORIES: Dazzling though the court customs of Imperial China were, a lot of their effect came from opulent accessories, notably the purses which replaced pockets and the elaborate metal guards which protected fingernails. An array assembled by a specialist in Chinese costumes and textiles.
Linda Wrigglesworth, 34 Brook Street, London W1 (071-408 1077), 10am-6pm, until April 26.

THE GULF WAR: An exhibition of cartoon drawings satirising the Gulf war, by many artists including Trog, Calman, Wheeler and Garland.
The Cartoon Gallery, 83 Lambs Conduit Street, London WC1 (071-242 5335), 10-5.30pm, until April 20.

OPERA 80: The company's spring tour moves to Sheffield for a week with Stephen Metcalf's ingeniously simple staging of Mozart's *Magic Flute* and Mark Dornford-May's vibrantly coloured production of Donizetti's *Don Pasquale*.
Civic Theatre, Parkgate, Darlington (0325 486555), 7.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: The company introduces revivals of Bintley's *Hobson's Choice* and Ashton's *Façade* into the touring repertoire.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), 7.30pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

OCHE

(a) The mark or ridge on the floor behind which a player at darts must stand to throw, perhaps connected with the Old French *ocher* to chop off; Malory, *Morte D'Arthur*: "Swappes of the swerde hande/Ane inche fro the elbow, he ochede it in sondyre."

DEDANS

(a) The open gallery at the end of the service-side of a tennis-court, from the OF *dens*, Latin *intus* inside: "Let any young man go into the dedans of a tennis court while a good match is going on."

ENCHORIAL

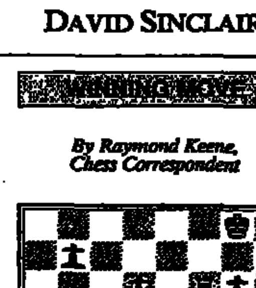
(c) Native, of the country, from the Greek *en* in + *chore* land: "The indescribable enchorial something which is British and not Netherlandish."

VILIPEND

(a) To treat with contempt, from the Latin *vilis* worthless + *pendere* to consider: "Phidias was threatened with death, to vilipend so great a Goddess and to make her in ivory, which was wont to be honoured in marble."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



In today's position, from the game Langeweg — Casa, Lugano 1968, how does Black finish off his king-side attack?

Solution: 1 ... Qh1+ 2 Kxh1 Ne3++ 3 Kg1 Rh1 mate.

ENTERTAINMENTS

ART GALLERIES

THE TRYON GALLERY, 23/24 Cork St, London W1 071-734 6961/2256 EXHIBITION — WILDERNESS IMPRESSIONS by KIM DONALDSON 10-24 April Mon-Fri 9.30am - 6pm.

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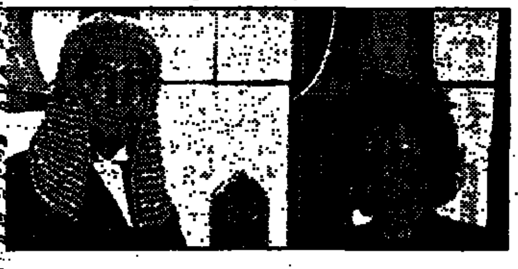
BBC1

6.30 Breakfast News
Starr (r) 9.25 Why Don't You ...? Useful ideas for sters at a loose end
regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.25 The Ness (r) 10.35 The Jetsons. Animated fun with the tic family
regional news and weather 11.05 Lassie. Adventures of telligent collie 11.30 Eats for Treats. Jane Asher prepares ant summer party to celebrate a silver wedding anniversary
regional news and weather 12.05 Antiques Roadshow. The weekly rummage through the *Roadshow* archives ers a selection of dolls and teddy bears which have red on the programme over the years 12.20 Scene Today. ntertainment and chat from the foyer of Pebble Mill 12.55 nal News and weather
Clock News and weather
bours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Turnabout. Word quiz
y and Hutch. Explosive police action with the two odox crimefighters (r) 3.00 Head of the Class. American ly series
r. Nerys Hughes with handy tips for those on a budget
's Cat. Cartoon (r) 3.55 Quack Chat Show (r) 4.10 Cuckoo Children's comic fantasy 4.35 Thundercats
round 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax)
bours (r) (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside
Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Moira Stuart. Weather nal News Magazines Northern Ireland: Neighbours
n. Terry is joined by the outspoken psychotherapist Dr Ruth eimer
y Matters. John Humphrys presents the programme which nes the issues of particular relevance to family life. This n asks whether it is prudent for parents to encourage their en's talents whatever the cost
wer Bid. Bruce Forsyth tries to pump life into a new series of *ckiustre game show*. (Ceefax)
g the Floor. Ballroom dancing sitcom which has failed to set et tapping (Ceefax)
O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news eather
rama. Robin Denselow reports from London and Manchester increase in racial violence within British communities. He at measures being taken to combat the situation and how ctims are fighting back and investigates the involvement of ritish National Party.
and Order: Everbody's Favourite Bagman. New American e series set on the streets and within the hallways of the al courthouses of New York, covering the pursuit of justice ll as the investigation of crime. Michael Moriarty stars as an tant district attorney and George Dzundza plays a hard-ng detective. Together they set out to catch and then convict minal elements at large in the city


aker Bernard Weatherill with Lesley Abdela (10.55pm)

Expectations: Women With "X" Appeal.
OICE. *Great Expectations* is a six-part series which looks at osition of women in such areas as business, the arts and the going out under the BBC education banner guarantees a tone emoved from the shriller excesses of militant feminism. ht's opener on women in politics is presented by Lesley a, who founded the 300 Group to campaign for more women She reports that all the main parties support her, in principle if n practice. When the 300 Group celebrated its tenth ersary last year, Mrs Thatcher cut the cake. But women are serably under-represented in Parliament. Rosie Barnes, MP eenwich, reckons she was only chosen for the seat because arty thought it was unwinnable. Women have made more t on local government, not least in Norwich where they y one-third of the city council including its leader and deputy r. *Northern Ireland: A Space for Dreaming*
on. Sue Beardsmore joins the world of the hot-air balloonist ird's eye view of the Midlands (r). Northern Ireland: 11.30 Expectations
er. Northern Ireland: 12.00-12.30am Balloon

BBC2

7.10 Open University: The English Landscape Garden Ends at 7.35
8.00 News 8.15 Holiday Outings. Bill Buckley attends a specialist driving course in Wales (r)
8.20 Children of the Open Road. The plight of gypsy children (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Film: Congo Maisie (1940, b/w). The first in a week of films starring Ann Sothern as showgirl Maisie Ravier Directed by Henry Potter.
10.10 Film: Quality Street (1937, b/w). Dated costume drama starring Katharine Hepburn as a woman who watches her beloved, Franchot Tone, go off to the Napoleonic wars On his return he fails to recognise her and she is forced to masquerade as her own niece to win him back. Directed by George Stevens
11.30 The Honeymooners (b/w) (r)
11.55 After Hours featuring singer Stephanie Mills
12.15 Postcards From Down Under. Carol Vorderman meets some of the inhabitants of the outback
12.40 Romer's Egypt. Egyptologist John Romer visits the craftsmen's town of Deir el Medina (r) 1.20 Bertha (r) 1.35 A Taste of Health (r)
2.00 News and weather followed by Muggeridge: Ancient and Modern. Malcolm Muggeridge remembers Sussex in the 1930s, MI6 and the liberation of Paris (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Songs of Praise from Llandudno (r). 3.35 The Craftsmen. A profile of glass engraver Colin Terris 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Call My Bluff. Robert Robinson hosts the word and wit game (r)
4.30 Plunder. Emma Freud asks Rabbi Julia Neuberger to select her favourite television moments from the archives 5.00 Train Journey: Derby to Lincoln. Time-lapse photography enables this one hour and 20 minute journey to take five minutes (r)
5.05 Film: The Lost Moment (1947 b/w) Susan Hayward and Robert Cummings star in a curious period drama, based on Henry James's *The Aspern Papers*, about an American publisher journeying to Venice to retrieve love letters written by a famous poet Directed by Martin Gabel
6.30 DEF II begins with The Fresh Prince of Bel Air starring Will Smith *6.55 Dance Energy — Remix introduced by Normski*

Critical of both sides: Lord Scarman at the scene (7.20pm)

7.20 Open Space: Black and Blue — 1981 Remembered.
● CHOICE: A police officer recalling Brixton in April 1981 says it was "a riot, almost a war — and we were the enemy." It is one of less contentious statements in a cogent reexamination of the disturbances which spread to Southall and Toxteth and eventually affected 30 cities. The ingredients were widely seen as disaffected black youths and insensitive policing The police maintain that they were only trying to tackle street crime for which young blacks were responsible. Lord Scarman, who carried out the enquiry, says neither side saw what was wrong with itself Lord Whitelaw, then home secretary, describes being woken at 3 am to authorise the use of CS gas in Liverpool. Some say that the riots got black grievances noticed Others claim that little has changed
8.10 Horizon: The Mould, the Myth and the Microbe.
● CHOICE: In 1928, as every schoolchild knows, Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin. A revised version of a trenchant *Horizon* film first shown five years ago challenges the myth and asserts that while Fleming's name lives on in the history books, the crucial work was done by others Fleming did indeed stumble on the mould that was to be developed as penicillin, but he failed to see its potential and soon lost interest. A colleague describes Fleming as "as third rate as I am". It was left to a rough, tough Australian, Howard Florey, with a team at Oxford, to follow up the discovery and bring it to practical application. Sadly, Florey was forced to go to the United States after being rebuffed by British drugs companies It is an absorbing story, grippingly told.
9.00 Film: Thompson's Last Run (1985) Robert Mitchum stars in a made-for-television film as John Thompson, a recidivist being transferred from one prison to another by childhood friend Red Haines (Wilford Brimley), now an elderly detective on his last assignment. Thompson makes a break for freedom and it is up to Haines to bring him back if he is to clear his name. Directed by Jerrold Freedman. (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Arts — Composer and Audience. Ends at 12.30am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game presented by Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion chaired by Mike Scott
10.30 This Morning. Magazine series hosted by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan
12.10 Rosie and Jim. For the young (r)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian soap set in a rural community health centre
2.20 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley previews the week's programmes which will concentrate on benefits and services for people with disabilities 2.50 Graham Kerr. The Australian cook prepares one of his favourite dishes, smoked chicken breast
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Soap set in England and Australia
3.55 Wowser 4.10 Cartoon 4.20 Krankies Television. The madcap Scottish duo invite children's ITV presenter Jeanne Downs to their own Krankies Film and Television Festival 4.45 Count Duckula. Cartoon about a vampire duck (r)
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the quiz show for teenagers
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley looks at benefits for the disabled
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather

Hot dogs of war under investigation: Roger Cook (7.00pm)

7.00 The Cook Report. First of a new series of hard-hitting investigations with Roger Cook exposing villainy, corruption and issues of public concern. Tonight he delves into the vicious hot dog war that is being fought in Britain and discovers a frightening world of violence and protection rackets
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 The Upper Hand. Flat sitcom starring Joe McGann and Diana Weston about a female executive and her male housekeeper
8.30 World in Action. Do modern cars catch fire too easily? *World in Action* investigates the marked increase in car fires and reveals new evidence from the recent M4 motorway accident suggesting that additional safety measures could have prevented much of the *loss of life*
9.00 Prime Suspect. Part two of Lynda La Plante's feminist thriller starring Helen Mirren as Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison who inherits a murder inquiry, complete with convenient suspect, from a colleague When a second murder occurs Tennison produces her own prime suspect, but has a hard task convincing her male colleagues With John Benfield, John Bowe and Tom Bell The final part can be seen after the news (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Trevor McDonald (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 Prime Suspect. Concluding part of the three-part thriller
11.40 Breadline Britain. First of a six-part series on poverty in Britain, updating *Going Without* the award-winning series from 1983
12.10am The New Avengers. Offbeat special agent series starring Patrick Macnee and Joanna Lumley (r)
1.10 Sportsworld Extra. Snooker featuring Stephen Hendry and Jimmy White in the first semi-final of the London Masters
2.10 Film: Come And Get It (1936, b/w) Disappointingly studio-bound drama of love and violence set in the timber wilderness of the American Northwest A Wisconsin lumber magnate and his son fight for the love of Lotta (Frances Farmer), the daughter of a woman the father once knew Starring Edward Arnold and Joel McCrea. Directed by Howard Hawks
4.00 *Mystery Theatre: I'll Die Loving* Bizarre drama about a girl whose love causes the spontaneous explosion of the objects of her affection (r)
4.30 Bedrock. Late night rock with Caravan.
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 The Poetry Book. *The Dong with the Luminous Nose* read by Derek Jacobi
9.30 California Off Beat. Wayne Freedman's view of California continues with man's obsessive desire to conquer the heavens (r)
10.00 The Horse in Sport. A comparison of how polo is played in Argentina, Britain and the USA (r)
11.00 Equinox: Toys for the Boys. An investigation into the motivation of the men involved in Formula One racing Are they little more than rich kids with an expensive habit, or inventors at the forefront of technical wizardry? (r) (Teletext)
12.00 Garden Club. A visit to gardens in Kent (r) (Teletext)
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series
2.00 Right to Reply Bias in television's news and current affairs programmes, and previewers come in for discussion
2.30 Film: A Boy, a Girl and a Bike (1949, b/w) A gentle comedy about the jealousies that arise within a small Yorkshire cycling club with the arrival of a wealthy new member (John McCallum) With attractive locations, a Ted Willis script and a supporting cast of Honor Blackman, Diana Dors, Thora Hird and Antony Newley. Directed by Ralph Smart
4.10 The Three Stooges in *You Nazty Spy* (b/w)
4.30 Fifteen to One Fast-paced knock-out quiz show where 15 people are whittled down to one bright finalist who wins . nothing
5.00 The Late Late Show. Gay Byrne presents the topical chat show from Dublin
6.00 The Cosby Show American comedy series starring Bill Cosby (r)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross The guests are acerbic television presenter Muriel Gray and 12-year-old entrepreneur James Hames With music by country and western singer Matraca Berg
7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather
7.50 Banned: The A-Z of Censorship. The first in a series of nightly programmes on censorship from the makers of *Comment* Tonight A is for assassination, art and article 19
8.00 Brookside Life in a Liverpudlian cul de sac (Teletext)
8.30 My Two Dads. Tedious American sitcom about two men trying to give fatherly advice to their one progeny (genetic fingerprinting is not available)
9.00 Banned: The Truth About Lies — Censored by the British.
● CHOICE Starting with the Official Secrets Act of 1911 Nicholas Fraser's film shows how successive British governments have manipulated and suppressed information, supposedly in the national interest During the first world war the worst carnage of the battle of the Somme was reported as "a good day for Britain and France" During the general strike the BBC was effectively under official control Even the mildly spoken Clement Attlee was expunged from a newsreel for criticising appeasement The film offers several examples of banned material, most of it innocuous. And so on to Burgess and Maclean and the Spycatcher affair It becomes a somewhat breathless catalogue, trying to cram too much in and leaving little time for reflection But this is only the taster for a three-week Channel 4 season, *Banned*, which looks at censorship, political, artistic and religious, around the world

20 years later: WR — Mysteries of the Organism (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: WR — Mysteries of the Organism (1971) This controversial film, which continues the *Banned* season, is a part-documentary study of the life and work of the psychologist and sex theorist Wilhelm Reich. The real-life story of his persecution is paralleled with the fictional love affair between a young Yugoslavian girl and a visiting Russian ice-skater. The film's explicit sexual content prevented it from being shown on television for 20 years, until the director made this special version using electronic graphics to disguise offending parts of the body with images of rainbows, star-bursts and swimming goldfish Stars Milena Dravic and Jagoda Kaloper Directed by Dusan Makavejev
11.35 Nicely Offensive. Following the film *WR — Mysteries of the Organism* the director Dusan Makavejev talks to George Melly *about his long experience of censorship in both East and West*
12.15am Brazil — Cinema, Sex and the Generals. A documentary originally made for the *Visions* series in 1983 examining how Brazilian film-makers used eroticism as a means of subverting the political censorship of the generals regime Ends at 1.05

ARIATIONS

cept: 2.20pm-3.15 Monte 0 Tell the Truth 6.25-7.00 2.10am-1.10 Births, Deaths 2.10 The Law and Harry he ITV Chart Show 4.05 60 30 Pick of the Week

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cept: 1.10pm Home and 0 Central News 2.20-3.15 10-5.40 Ark on the Move al News 12.10am Prisoner: 1.05 Santa Barbara 1.55 Entertainment UK 4.00-5.30 ar '91

cept: 1.50pm Graham Kerr and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Today 6.30-7.00 Granada lm Revenge 1.55 America's ick of the Week 2.50 The Twilight Zone 3.45 Kreskin's Quest 4.35-5.30 The Hit Man and Her

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm The Sullivans 2.20-3.15 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.35-7.00 What's On 12.10am-1.10 Wolf 2.10 Pick of the Week 2.40 How Was It For You? 3.10 Film: Life with Blondie* 4.20 50 Years On 4.40-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.35-7.00 Primetime

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-3.15 Hard Time on Planet Earth 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 12.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 Film: Prudence and the Pill 2.30 The Twilight Zone 3.00 America's Top Ten 3.30 Santa Barbara 4.30 Belle 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 1.50pm The Young Doctors 2.20 Cover Story: Kool and the Gang 2.45-3.15 Yan Can Cook 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Looking Back with Kenneth MacLeod 12.15am Film: Revenge 1.55 America's Top Ten 2.25 Pick of the Week 2.50 The Twilight Zone 3.45 Kreskin's Quest 4.35-5.30 The Hit Man and Her

TVS

As London except: 2.20pm Coast to Coast People 2.45-3.15 Simply the Best 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Facing South 12.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.35 Dirty Dancing 1.00 Sportsworld Extra 2.00 The Concert 3.00 Film: Lifeguard 4.45 Dusty Springfield 5.00-5.30 Countryside Close

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.50pm-3.15 Simply the Best 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 World of Golf 12.15pm Film: Revenge 1.55 America's Top Ten 2.25 Pick of the Week 2.50 The Twilight Zone 3.45 Kreskin's Quest 4.35-5.30 The Hit Man and Her

ULSTER

As London except: 2.45pm-3.15 Kitchen Garden 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Ask Anne! 12.15 Film: Revenge 1.55 Top Ten 2.25 Pick of the Week 2.50 The Twilight Zone 3.45 Kreskin's Quest 4.35-5.30 Hit Man and Her

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.00pm-3.15 Film: Dancing with Crime* 5.10-5.40 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 It's a Vet's Life 12.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 Film: The Professional 3.10 Trans World Sport 4.10 Music Box 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.25 Evensong* 12.00 Special 12.10 Pobol y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Great British Isles 2.30 Film: Bedtime for Bonzo* 4.00 Different World 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol y Cwm 7.00 Dinas 7.30 Sgorio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.30 Roseanne 10.00 LA Law 10.55 Talking Takes Two 12.00 Short and Curlies 12.10-1.00 Brazil, Cinema Sex and the Generals

RTE 1

Starts: 1.00pm News 1.40 Delia Smith's Cookery Course 2.05 The Love Boat 3.00 News followed by Live at Three 4.15 News followed by Charley Chase 4.40 Carsons Law 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Square Deal 7.25 The Puss Drop 8.00 The Young Riders 9.00 News 9.30 Twin Peaks 10.30 Questions and Answers 11.25 News 11.35 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Dean 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.05 Coach 7.20 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Italian Soccer 9.00 The Golden Girls 9.30 News followed by Film: Slightly Honourable 11.10 News 11.30 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 ALF 8.00 Shogun 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Anything for Money 11.00 Hill Street Blues *12.00 Pages From Skytext*

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 9.30 Health Circuit 10.30 The Reporters 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today, part one 1.30 NBC Today part two 2.30 CBS News, part one 3.30 CBS News part two 4.30 The Reporters 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 The Reporters 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC Nightly News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC Nightly News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
6.00am Showcase
10.00 The *Pirate Movie* (1982) Musical updating of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* 12.00 Hard Travelling (1985) Drama about a mentally unstable man who begins a romantic relationship with a beautiful widow 2.00pm Lorca and the Outlaws (1985): Sci-fi adventure about a group of humans enslaved as miners on an alien planet
4.00 The Amazing Howard Hughes—Part One (1977): Tommy Lee Jones stars as the eccentric millionaire whose reclusive life-style made him a figure of enduring fascination
6.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988): Two conmen working on the French Riviera get more than they bargain for when they try to cheat a young American woman. Stars Steve Martin and Michael Caine
8.00 Married to the Mob (1988) Michelle Pfeiffer, Matthew Modine and Dean Stockwell star in breezy gangster comedy about a mobster's widow who finds escaping Mafia life harder than she envisaged
9.40 UK Top Ten
10.00 Crackhouse (1989) Action adventure about a young couple living amid predatory drug dealers who control the neighbourhood
11.35 Mother, Jugs and Speed (1976) Black comedy about a crazy ambulance service
1.15am Night of the Demons (1987) Thriller about a group of teenagers slain one by one during a Hallowe'en party
2.45 The Witch (1982) A witch burned at the stake still exerts a deadly power over an old house and dispatches its occupants in a myriad gory ways
4.15 A Switch In Time (1987) Comedy about three teenagers transported back to Switzerland in the first century who encounter *mixed reactions from barbarians and* Romans

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 Those Were The Days 6.00 As Sky One 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 Estoril Open Tennis 10.00 Karate World Championships 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 Equestrianism 12.00 Davis Cup Tennis 3.30pm Tae-Kwondo European Championships 4.00 The Game of Billions 5.00 Super Funboard World Cup 6.00 Big Wheels 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 NHL Ice Hockey 8.00 Superbouts 9.00 Motorcycling Grand Prix of Australia 10.30 Sailing Grand Prix from Canberra 11.30 Australian Rules Football 12.30am Eurosport News.

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Powersports International 8.00 NBA Basketball 10.00 Stop—Mud and Monsters 11.00 US Pro Ski Tour Giant Slalom 11.45 Ten Pin Bowling 1.00pm Argentine Football 1.30 Major League Baseball 2.30 Motor Sport F3 3.00 NHL Ice Hockey 5.00 Stop — USWA Wrestling *6.00 Update, Go 7.00* Ice Racing 7.30 Spanish Football Highlights 8.00 USA Boxing 9.30 Tarpon Bowfin. 10.00 Major League Baseball

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop.

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's Cooking 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 It's Your Lifestyle 2.35 The David Niven Show 3.05 Rafferty's Rules 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Phyllis 4.35 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 JSTV 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
2.40pm Plain Clothes (1988) A cop goes undercover at his old high school to investigate the murder of a local teacher
4.20 The New Adventures of Pippi Longstocking (1988) Action packed family spectacular based on the books by Astrid *Lindgren*
6.00 A Fine Mess (1986) Comedy caper about two losers who try to cash in on a race course rip-off
8.00 Columbo — Murder Peter Falk as the scruffy but devious detective
10.00 Tree of Hands (1989). Psychological thriller about an American writer in London whose mentally unbalanced mother steals a toddler from the street to replace her own recently deceased son
11.30 The Presidio (1988) Sean Connery, Meg Ryan and Mark Harmon star in a murder mystery about a diamond smuggling-related death at a military base
1.10am Absence of Malice (1980) Thriller about a writer tricked by the government into libelling an innocent man who resolves to get even
3.10 Phantasm 2 (1988) Horror sequel about two young men who discover a plot to shrink human beings into ugly midgets. Surreal shocker, relentlessly grisly

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
11.15am Australian Rugby League 1.15 pm Football Zenith Data Systems Final 3.00 Britain Rugby League 5.00 A Day At The Beach 6.00 Test Match Cricket 7.00 NWA Wrestling 8.00 Italian Football 10.00 Superbouts 11.00 US Masters Preview 12.00 Italian Football

RADIO 3

n Open University
ar: news headlines
g Concert: Marcello Concerto in D minor: Holliger, I Musici); erdi (Zefiro torna: The t of Musicke): Ravel en forme d'Habanera: arrell, cello, Bruno , piano); Puccini (I ems: Berlin RSO under

g Concert (cont): (Horn Concerto No 1: Brain, Philharmonia Sawallisch), Mozart , Haffner Serenade: rown, violin, Academy of tin-in-the-Fields under ar); Schumann sque in C, Op 18: o Pollini, piano); Weill The Threepenny Opera: Sinfonietta under n)

sers of the Week: , Riga 1904 Spring Op 16 Gothenburg SO ärvi, En Saga, Op 9: monie under nazy. Nocturne, Ballade Christian II, Op 27): burg SO under Järvi; ce in C for strings, Op lish String Orchestra Boughton, Valse triste, No 1 Eric atstjerna, piano; a, Op 26 Helsinki PO Berglund
Magpies: Tippett the Concertante on a of Corelli: Academy of tin-in-the-Fields under r); Debussy (Hommage ckwick Esq PPMPC; Artifice, Préludes Book o Benedetti ngeli, piano); sky (Divertimento, The Kiss London ma under Chailly); n (Fantasy in C, D934: usch, violin, Rudolf piano) Brahms , Einförmig ist der ram, Op 113 No 13: s Voices of the North Radio Chorus under eno (Sinfonia, third ent. Swingle Singers, nder Berio) he orchestra, ted by Rudolf Barshai, s Shostakovich, arr (Chamber Symphony, — orch from Quartet p 83); Liszt (Piano Concerto No 2: Peter Frankl, piano), Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique)
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: the Juilliard String Quartet, live from St John's, Smith Square, London, performs: Mozart (Quartet in A, K464) and E. Carter (Quartet No 2)
2.05 Third Opinion (r)
2.50 Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Frans Brüggen performs C.P.E. Bach (Symphony for strings in B flat, Wq182 No 2); Haydn (Symphony No 101 in D, The Clock); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A, Op 92)
4.25 Romantic Fantasies: Nicholas Cox, clarinet, and Vanessa Latarche, piano, perform Sigismund Neukomm (Fantasy, 1813), Ivan Müller (Fantasy on Rossini's Un voce poco fa), Schumann (Fantasiestücke, Op 73); Lovreglio (Fantasy on Themes from Verdi's La Traviata) (first of 2)
5.05 German Romantic Organ Music (new series). Graham Barber plays Hesse (Introduction to Graun's Tod-Jesu, Op 84) and Rheinberger (Sonata No 3 in G, Op 88, Pastoral)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: With Stephen Rea, founder of the Field Day Theatre Company
7.30 EBU Concert from Strasbourg: Live from the Palais de la Musique et des Congrès, the Strasbourg PO under Theodor Guschlbauer performs Strauss (Till Eulenspiegel, Op 28, Four Last Songs Grace Bumbry, soprano), 8.10-8.30 Short story: I'm So Happy For You, I Really Am; concert (cont): Strauss (Symphonia domestica, Op 53)
9.35 Spectrum (new series): Colin Tudge in conversation with 6 scientists 1. Richard Dawkins on the influence of genes on the world outside the bodies of animals and plants
10.00 Danish Radio Big Band: recording of the Croydon concert from its recent tour
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Mozart (Fantasy in C minor, K396; Piano Concerto No 9 in E flat, K271; Concert aria: Ah lo previdi . . . Ah t'invola . . . (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News, Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News: 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 The Week on 4
8.43 A Year in Provence: 1. January Written and read by Peter Mayle, this award-winning account tells of the author's first year in an old stone farmhouse at the foot of the Luberon Mountains (s) 8.57 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week with Melvyn Bragg and guests (s)
10.00 News, Money Box Live: Vincent Duggleby is joined by two experts to take your queries on running a small business, how to get started, where to go for finance and how to keep going when times get hard Call 071 580 4411
10.30 Morning Story: The Amorous Ghost by Enid Bagnold. Mr Templeton's wife is away, but it seems that someone is sleeping in her nightgowns
10.45 Daily Service from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol (s)
11.00 News; Coastline: Cliff Michelmore journeys from Poole Harbour to Swanage (r)
11.40 Poetry Please! with Simon Rae
12.00 News; You and Yours: Presented by John Howard
12.25 Slightly Foxed: The well-read quiz with guests Simon Brett, Paul Bailey, Sheridan Morley and Maureen Freely Gill Pyrah is in the chair. Last of the present series (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News, Woman's Hour introduced by Jenni Murray
3.00 Play: An Englishman's Home, a comedy by Ray Ball about Colin, king of his caravan club, who finds his supremacy challenged by a stranger who doesn't know his jockey wheel from his awning light. With Christopher Godwin as Colin (s) (r)
4.15 Return to Aotearoa: BBC foreign correspondent Erik de Mauny takes a sentimental journey back to the country of his youth, New Zealand
4.30 Kaleidoscope Paul Vaughan meets a man who has composed music for all of Shakespeare's plays, Guy Woolfenden (s)
5.00 PM with Valerie Singleton and Roger Hearing 5.50pm Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News, including Financial Report
6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took throws questions and quips at Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren and their guests on the week's news (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Poor Beast in the Rain by Billy Roche A man returns to his native town of Wexford with vengeance on his mind after being humiliated for his part in a theft
9.00 Fine Arts Brass: One of Britain's renowned chamber ensembles takes the opportunity to play the lighter tunes in its repertoire (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (repeated from 4.30)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Tuppence for the Rainbow 1. Overture and Beginners Leslie Sands reads an abridged version of his autobiography
11.00 The Million Pound Radio Show Comedy show written and presented by Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell with Felicity Montagu and Harry Enfield (s) (r)
11.30 Smith's Elegy Agents of the Devil A forgotten story is unearthed by Phil Smith in the graveyard of Newchurch-in-Pendle (1 of 3) (r)
11.45 Soldiers and Innocents by Russell Celyn Jones read by Ioan Meredith (6 of 8) (s)
12.00 News 12.20am Weather, followed by Interlude 12.33am Shipping Forecast 12.44am Close.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8 Radio 2: FM-88-90.2 Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m, FM-90-92.4 Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6 Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m, FM 94.9, Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 1

5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 News 91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier 9.00 Out on Blue Six 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Bob Harris

RADIO 2

4.00am Alex Lester The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Cliff Morgan 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Desmond Carrington 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Great Musicals Omen 7.30 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days 8.00 The National Big Band Competition All-Winners Concert 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz *10.00* Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition with Jon Briggs incl News & Sport on the half hour 9.00 Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for toddlers 10.40 The Family Business with Johnny Walker incl 11.00 and 12.00 News & Sport 12.30pm Learn to Earn 1.00 News and Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News and Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 fro toddlers 2.30 World Service World Report 2.45 Personal View 3.00 News and Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 King Sugar 4.00 News and Sport 4.05 Science in Action 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 Vlad and Drac Read by Anthony Daniels 7.35 Nightmare World 8.05 Talking History 8.20 Mega Mix 8.50 Fanshawe On Five 9.30 Dragnet 10.00 News & Sport 10.10 The Mix with Mark Thomas incl 11.00 Sport 12.00 News & Sport 12.10am Close

WORLD SERVICE

5.00 Morgenmagazin 5.30 Letter from America 5.45 News headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 The Week Ahead 5.57 Travel and Weather news 6.00 News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin News in French 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Is it worth the risk? 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours News Summary and Financial News 9.30 Tampering with the Past 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Health Matters 9.30 Anything Goes 10.00 News 10.09 Book Choice 10.15 The People of South Africa 10.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Is it worth the risk? 11.30 Londres Midi News in French 11.45 Mittagsmagazin News in German 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Composer of the Month Edward Elgar 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the shelf: Verdi 3.45 They Made Our World 3.55 Words 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell News in German 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir News and Magazine Culturel 6.14 The World Today 6.25 News summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell News in German 7.00 German feature 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.09 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière News in French 8.30 They Made Our World 8.40 Words 8.45 Health Matters 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 The Vintage Chart Show 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Europe's World 11.20 Sports International 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05 World Business Report 12.15 Growing Points in Medicine 12.30 Multitrack 1.1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Just a Minute 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Folk in Britain 2.45 Health Matters 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Sports International 4.00 News 4.15 John Peel 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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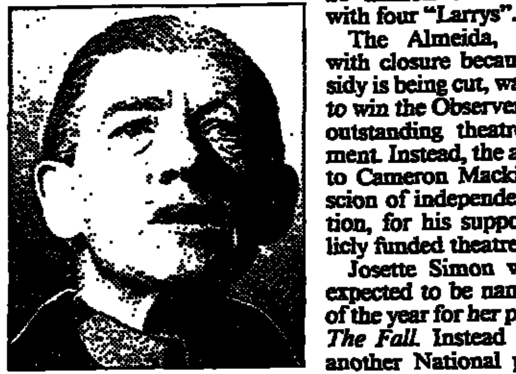
Best actor award crowns McKellen's campaigns

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

SIR Ian McKellen crowned a year in which his acceptance of a knighthood was attacked by fellow gay activists in the theatre, then just as staunchly defended by others, by being named actor of the year at last night's Olivier Award presentations for his fascistic portrayal of Richard III for the National Theatre.

This was the fifth Oliver for McKellen, holder of the Mackintosh professorship. The other cause close to his heart has been the preservation of the Rose Theatre and its future as a museum, and Dame Peggy Ashcroft, now 83, has been his fellow campaigner. She won the Society of West End Theatre's special award, the first time it has been given since Sir Alec Guinness won it in 1989.


McKellen: his fifth 'Larry'

However, the night belonged in particular to the Royal National Theatre, which appropriately hosted last night's presentations in its Olivier Theatre, and to the subsidised theatre in general.

The judges' choices seemed to bear out charges from both producers and drama critics that West End theatre faces artistic decline and commercial disaster because of the dearth of good new material. The National got no fewer than 28 nominations and eight awards, while the Royal Shakespeare Company capped last week's celebrations of its £8 million of extra subsidy with four "Larrys".

The Almeida, threatened with closure because its subsidy is being cut, was expected to win the Observer award for outstanding theatre achievement. Instead, the award went to Cameron Mackintosh, the scion of independent production, for his support of publicly funded theatre.

Josette Simon was widely expected to be named actress of the year for her part in *After The Fall*. Instead it went to another National production and Kathryn Hunter for her performance in the Théâtre de Complicité production of *The Visit* at the Lyttelton.

Sara Crowe, who delighted audiences with her upstaging of Joan Collins in the Aldwych revival of Coward's *Private Lives*, confirmed her future with the third, and most prestigious, prize for her role, as best supporting actress.

SIR LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD WINNERS

Special lifetime award: Dame Peggy Ashcroft.
Actor of the year: Sir Ian McKellen, *Richard III*.
Actress of the year: Kathryn Hunter, *The Visit*.
BBC award for play: *Dancing at Lughnasa*.
American Express award for musical: *Sunday in the Park with George*.
Outstanding revival of a musical: *Showboat*.
Comedy performance: Alan Cumming for *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*.
Outstanding entertainment of the year: *Five Guys Named Moe*.
Comedy of the year: *Out of Order*.
Outstanding revival of a play or comedy: *Pericles*.
Outstanding performance by supporting actress: Sara Crowe, *Private Lives*.
Outstanding performance by supporting actor: David Bradley, *King Lear*.
Outstanding performance for supporting role in a musical: Karla Burns, *Showboat*.
Outstanding performance by an actress in a musical: Imelda Staunton, *Into The Woods*.
Outstanding performance by an actor in a musical: Philip Quast, *Sunday in the Park with George*.
Director of the year: Richard Jones, *Into The Woods*.
Choreographer: Charles Augins, *Five Guys Named Moe*.
Set designer: Mark Thompson, *Wind in the Willows*.
Lighting designer: Jean Kalman, *Richard III*.
Costume designer: Jasper Conran, *The Rehearsal*.
Observer award for outstanding achievement: Cameron Mackintosh.
Outstanding achievement in opera: Mark Elder for productions at the English National Opera.
Outstanding achievement in dance: Twyla Tharp and Jennifer Tipton, *In the Upper Room*.

Scottish anger on Gulf service

By John Vincent

AN ALTERNATIVE to the Gulf service of remembrance and thanksgiving in Glasgow cathedral on May 4 is to be discussed tomorrow, it was announced yesterday as a senior Scottish churchman called for the official service to be postponed "until the war is actually over, until the suffering stops".

The alternative plan, by the Gulf Reconciliation Group, will be be debated by Scottish churchmen, Muslim leaders and other spokesmen, and will emphasise "reconciliation and repentance", said Canon Kenyon Wright, one of the churchmen involved in the talks.

The Bishop of Edinburgh, the Rt Rev Richard Holloway, said on BBC Radio 4's *Sunday* programme that church leaders in Scotland were angry about government arrangements for the service and felt that a Scottish church leader should have been invited to preach instead of the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood.

"There is a kind of mild paranoia in Scotland about the English anyway, there is an almost total paranoia about bishops. To invite an English archbishop to do the job ... there is a certain saintliness in the ineptitude. I suspect that some of the people down there think the Church of Scotland comes under the Archbishop of York's jurisdiction so they do not see any problems in this."

He said it showed London was out of touch with feelings in Scotland. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Rev Robert Davidson, or the Most Rev Thomas Winning, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow, ought to have been asked, he said.

IAN STEWART

Straight from the horse's mouth: Team Challenge looks over the 19th fence moments after parting company with his jockey, Ben de Haan, in the Seagram Grand National at Aintree

Full race report and map, page 30

Soviet power pressure mounts

Continued from page 1

to remove Mr Gorbachev state president and gen secretary of the party. Soy members are active in b bodies and they recently sued a statement urging t Soviet leader to give a pub account of his work at emergency congress.

Mr Gorbachev told mine representatives last week t he had no intention of st ping down voluntarily. noted, however, that consti tional mechanisms existed ousting the president. resignation is one of the m demands of miners who still on strike in many of country's coalfields, in spit an outline agreement with government last Wedneso

Workers protesting Minsk and other cities ag price rises introduced Tuesday also linked their mands for economic ref with calls for the remova Mr Gorbachev and Vale Pavlov, his prime mini There is no sign of industrial unrest waning there are persistent rum that there will be a ge strike on Wednesday.

If the Soyuz group col enough signatures to con an emergency congress, Gorbachev will find it ha refuse. A similar pet signed by deputies of Russian Federation's liament two months ago heeded by Boris Yeltsin Russian leader, even th the congress had been vened primarily to pass a of no confidence in leadership.

In the event, Mr Y turned the congress, ended last Friday, to advantage and obtain mandate for extending power. Mr Gorbachev r however, find the going difficult.

During the nine-day gress of the Russian Fe tion, Mr Gorbachev app to be losing the support Communist party rank file. Vladimir Isakov, a convert to the anti- cause who had been ex to advocate a vote confidence in the pre the Russian Federatio instead whether it mi be time for Mr Gorb hand power to some A number of stalwa munists aligned the with that view.

However, several groups and reformi ported Mr Gorbach voiced concern about what might replace hi were forced to step do

Death squad killing triggers fresh fears

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friends. She has given the Crown Prince ten days to find the assassins.

"He was a high personality, loved by many Palestinians and Kuwaitis," said a personal friend. "He was a peaceful man. During the occupation he opened his clinic to all — Iraqi, Kuwaiti, Palestinian. He frequently refused to take payment. He was murdered because some people want to cause trouble between Kuwaitis and Palestinians."

The manner of Dr Muktar's murder was brutal and bore all the hallmarks of a planned death squad killing. As he passed a vehicle checkpoint near his home in the district of Surra, a white car parked near the soldiers manning the roadblock pulled out and followed *him for a few yards. The* occupants placed a flashing blue light on the roof of their car and signalled for the doctor to stop.

The driver of the white car approached Dr Muktar and without saying anything slapped him hard. Two witnesses to the killing have told the dead man's family that Dr Muktar said: "Do you know me to hit me?" The gunman pulled a pistol and fired five bullets. The soldiers at the checkpoint did not intervene.

After half an hour an ambulance was called. The gunmen were reported to have *returned in another car to* enquire whether the doctor was dead. No effort was made to arrest them.

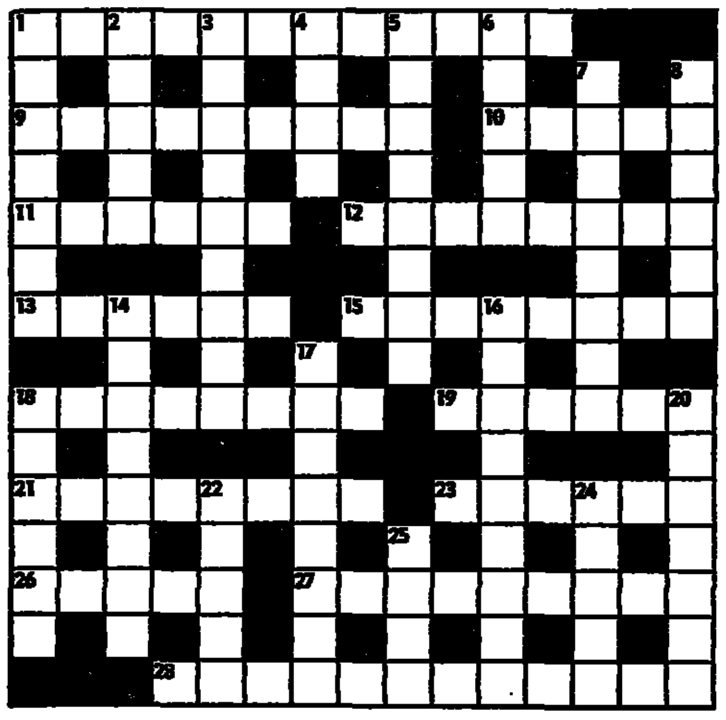
Dr Muktar's murder came a day before the interior minister, Sheikh Salem al-Sabah, told returning Kuwaiti prisoners of war not to seek vengeance against those who supposedly collaborated with the Iraqis. He told them innocent people could well be killed, if revenge was sought outside the law.

His warning, broadcast on Kuwaiti television on Saturday night, failed to hearten Palestinian community leaders, who pointed out that most of his speech was devoted to describing how no mercy would be shown to suspected collaborators. "That will be taken as an encouragement by many Kuwaitis," said a Palestinian writer.

Few observers here believe that the killings and beatings of Palestinians are close to an end. A new, more clinical phase is in operation. The random seizing of Palestinians off the streets has almost stopped, but now Kuwaiti soldiers, state security officers and an odd assortment of military irregulars charge into Palestinian homes and take whom they want.

The murders on Friday mark a further dangerous development. Over a month ago, opposition leaders said that six junior members of the al-Sabah family had formed militias, consisting of serving Kuwaiti officers and soldiers as well as ruthless gunmen from other Middle East countries.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,574



ACROSS

1 Supreme skill shown by oarsman on choppy stream (12).
9 Money offered to relax grip on tenure (9).
10 Bikini incurring a penalty (5).
11 Deposit from river in filthy place (6).
12 Capital attire for clergy? (5,3).
13 Passage impossible without river in Europe (6).
15 *Just beginning in church to accept strange oath* (8).
18 Identify reason for agonised collapse (8).
19 Rise gets approval, it's announced (6).
21 Descriptive of blue jumper, perhaps (8).
23 Kind of paper to publish after end of broadcast (6).
26 Weighty State vehicle (5).
27 A course warning delivered — *not for the first time* (9).
28 Test notes, or a selection providing key to languge (7,5).

DOWN

1 Curse of old married woman (7).
2 Climbing aid used in fastest aircraft (5).
3 *Regards coach as source of pupil fatigue?* (9).
4 Purchase to give away (4).
5 Recalling payment, including grant (8).
6 Reptile requiring erection of animal house it follows (5).
7 Meeting is against dissident group admitting the Left (8).
8 Pass with ease, we hear, around circuits (6).
14 Soldiers feeling the strain in establishing contact (8).
16 Hot wine going to head makes for impetuosity (9).
17 I am to divide property for valuation (8).
18 Shortage of *woven thread* (6).
20 Tramp half-mile — or move only by a foot (7).
22 Holy books are uplifting, and a source of inspiration (5).
24 Head-dress styling has mounting approval (5).
25 A wrong to right (4).

PARKER DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,573 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

Concise Crossword, page 17

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 40 per cent of the competitors at the 1991 Birmingham regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

OCHE
a. A dart player's mark
b. A Greek negative
c. A rugby fan's tribal cry

DEDANS
a. Tennis court gallery
b. The indoors
c. A fish kettle

ENCHORIAL
a. A harbour anchorage
b. To do with the tragic chorus
c. Indigenous, native

VILLIPEND
a. To treat with contempt
b. A village prison
c. A hanging fruit

Answers on page 18, column 1

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WEATHER

Southern England, East Anglia, the Midlands and Wales will be cloudy at times with some showery rain, but becoming mainly dry and brighter later in the South. Northern England, Northern Ireland and southern Scotland will start dry and bright but will turn cloudier with some rain later. Sunny intervals and blustery showers in northern Scotland. Outlook: turning drier with sunny spells, but some rain in the North.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Majorca	17	63	s
Akrotiri	21	70	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malta	19	66	s
Algiers	19	66	s	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Amst'dm	11	52	s	Mexico C*	-	-	-
Athens	17	63	c	Miami*	28	82	f
Bahrain	26	79	s	Milan	17	63	s
Barbads*	29	84	f	Montreal*	15	59	s
Barcelna	15	59	s	Moscow	8	46	c
Belgrade	15	59	f	Munich	13	55	c
Berlin	15	59	f	Nairobi	26	79	f
Bermuda*	21	70	f	Naples	20	68	s
Biarritz	15	59	f	N Delhi	27	81	s
Borde'x	15	59	c	N York*	23	73	s
Brussels	12	54	f	Nice	17	63	s
Budapst	16	61	s	Oslo	6	43	c
B Aires*	23	73	f	Paris	13	55	c
Cairo	31	88	s	Peking	11	52	c
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Perth	26	79	s
C'blanca	19	66	s	Prague	12	54	f
Chicago*	26	79	s	Reykjavik	1	34	f
Ch'church	20	68	s	Rhodes	17	63	f
Cologne	11	52	c	Rio de J	26	79	s
C'phagn	10	50	f	Riyadh	28	82	s
Corfu	16	61	f	Rome	18	64	s
Dublin	11	52	f	Salzburg	14	57	f
Dubrovnik	20	68	s	S F'risco*	15	59	f
Faro	21	70	s	Santiago*	25	77	s
Florence	21	70	s	S Paulo*	24	75	f
Frankfurt	13	55	c	Seoul	22	72	s
Funchal	16	61	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	11	52	c	St'kholm	13	55	f
Gibraltar	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	11	52	r
Helsinki	8	46	r	Sydney	22	72	c
Hong K	23	73	c	Tangier	20	68	s
Innsbrck	13	55	f	Tel Aviv	26	79	s
Istanbul	10	50	f	Tenerife	20	68	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	14	57	r
Jo'burg*	20	68	r	Toronto*	16	61	r
Karachi	30	86	c	Tunis	17	63	c
L Palmas	19	66	s	Valencia	22	72	s
Le Tquet	11	52	f	Vanc'ver*	6	43	c
Lisbon	17	63	s	Venice	18	64	s
Locarno	19	66	c	Vienna	13	55	c
L Angels*	18	64	f	Warsaw	14	57	s
Luxembg	9	48	c	Wash'ton*	24	75	f
Luxor	35	95	c	Well'nton	18	64	f
Madrid	17	63	s	Zurich	9	48	c

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.38	2.21
Austria Sch	21.90	20.50
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France Fr	10.47	9.82
Germany Dm	3.10	2.90
Greece Dr	333	313
Hong Kong $	14.60	13.60
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.09
Italy Lira	2315	2175
Japan Yen	258.50	241.50
Netherlands Gld	3.485	3.275
Norway Kr	12.07	11.37
Portugal Esc	269.50	253.50
South Africa Rd	6.35	4.85
Spain Pta	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.26	10.58
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.45
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Yugoslavia Dnr	38.00	26.00

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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.34 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.9 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	1.2	.24	7	45	rain
Anglesey	2.4	.24	10	50	rain
Belfast	2.0	.18	11	52	shower
Bognor Regis	3.9	.07	9	48	rain
Bournemouth	2.3	.24	10	50	rain
Brighton	3.7	.02	10	50	sunny
Bristol	1.6	.23	9	48	rain
Buxton	2.0	.31	7	45	rain
Cardiff	0.1	.07	9	48	rain
Clacton	5.1	-	10	50	sunny
Colwyn Bay	0.8	.40	10	50	rain
Cromer	5.2	.01	11	52	sunny
Douglas	3.4	.33	9	48	shower
Edinburgh	0.9	.01	7	45	rain
Eskdalemuir	0.1	.33	6	43	rain
Exmouth	2.1	.29	11	52	rain
Falmouth	2.9	.29	11	52	rain
Folkestone	6.0	-	10	50	sunny
Glasgow	0.1	.12	9	48	rain
Guernsey	1.7	.20	11	52	shower
Hastings	5.1	-	10	50	sunny
Jersey	3.3	.06	12	54	rain
Kinloss	3.0	.02	9	48	bright
Leeds	3.0	.05	9	48	rain
Lerwick	4.9	.01	8	46	sunny
Littlehampton	3.3	.07	10	50	rain
London	3.4	-	10	50	bright
Lowestoft	3.4	-	12	54	sunny
Manchester	0.6	.09	8	46	rain
Poole	1.9	.28	10	50	rain
Sandown	5.4	-	10	50	sunny
Saunton Snd	4.2	.11	11	52	bright
Scarborough	4.6	.02	8	46	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.8	.25	12	54	sunny
Stornoway	-	.08	7	45	rain
Swanage	2.6	.12	10	50	rain
Teignmouth	1.7	.31	11	52	shower
Tenby	2.3	.37	11	52	rain
Tiree	1.0	.36	9	48	rain
Torquay	1.6	.36	11	52	rain
Weymouth	1.5	.12	10	50	rain
Wick	0.1	.09	7	45	cloudy
Worthing	3.9	.02	10	50	rain

* denotes Not Available
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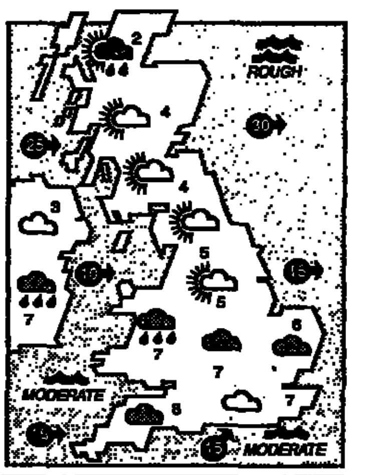

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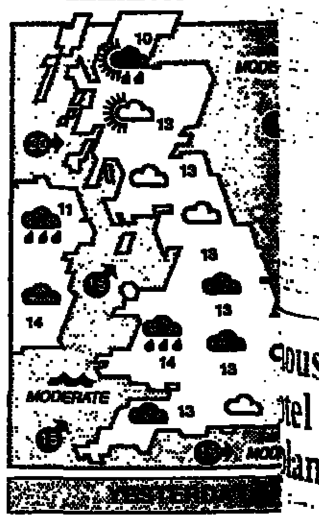

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 7.45 pm to 6.19 am
Bristol 7.54 pm to 6.29 am
Edinburgh 8.04 pm to 6.24 am
Manchester 7.56 pm to 6.25 am
Penzance 8.04 pm to 6.43 am

Sun rises: 6.22 am
Sun sets: 7.45 pm
Moon rises 3.46 am
Moon sets 12.24 pm
New Moon April 14

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C *(52F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F)*. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.1 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			
Belfast	9	48	f	Guernsey	
B'rmgham	8	46	r	Inverness	
Blackpool	10	50	s	Jersey	
Bristol	10	50	c	London	
Cardiff	11	52	c	M'nchester	
Edinburgh	9	48	r	Newcastle	
Glasgow	7	45	r	R'nldsway	

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6 (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F); 6pm, 61 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6pm Sun: 24 hr to 6pm, 4 hr. Bar, mean 6pm, 1013.3 millibars, rising.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.41	5.5	8.48	5.5
Aberdeen	8.19	3.1	9.47	3.1
Avonmouth	12.57	9.1	1.46	8.8
Belfast	6.13	2.8	7.07	2.7
Cardiff	12.42	8.6	1.31	8.3
Devonport	12.01	4.3	12.38	4.1
Dover	6.11	4.7	6.58	4.8
Falmouth	—	—	12.08	3.9
Glasgow	7.01	3.7	7.26	3.5
Harwich	6.20	2.9	6.33	2.8
Holyhead	5.23	4.2	6.39	4.0
Hull	12.58	5.2	1.15	5.4
Ilfracombe	12.20	6.4	1.03	6.1
King's Lynn	1.16	4.3	1.34	4.4
Leith	9.44	4.1	10.46	4.1

TODAY	AM	HT	PM
Liverpool	6.08	6.9	[illegible]
Lowestoft	5.09	1.9	[illegible]
Margate	7.01	3.7	[illegible]
Milford Haven	12.44	4.9	[illegible]
Newquay	—	—	[illegible]
Oban	1.40	2.8	[illegible]
Penzance	11.57	4.1	—
Portland	—	—	[illegible]
Portsmouth	6.26	3.5	[illegible]
Shoreham	5.54	4.3	[illegible]
Southampton	5.49	3.5	[illegible]
Swansea	12.51	6.9	[illegible]
Tees	10.57	4.1	[illegible]
W'ton-on-Naze	6.29	3.1	[illegible]

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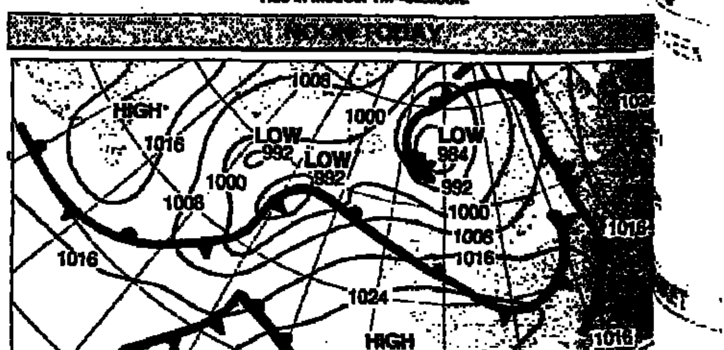

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BUSINESS

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MONDAY APRIL 8 1991

Lilley carries plan for war compensation to Kuwait

Lilley: attacked over fires

By Nick Nuttall

A BRITISH proposal for rapidly settling Gulf war compensation claims is being taken to Kuwait by Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, when he flies out today.

The plan, which will include managing the Iraqi oil royalties that are to be set aside as war reparations, was devised by the City's Kuwait group. The organisation, set up last month under the chairmanship of Lord Limerick, former chairman of the committee for Middle Eastern trade (Comet), aims to help British industry finance reconstruction contracts and to offer financial skills to the emirate. It is also hoped that the plan and visit may swing the tide of reconstruction contracts which, critics claim, have increasingly become the realm of American corporations.

British hopes for winning contracts lie in helping to rebuild Kuwait's oil industry infrastructure.

But before the extensive rebuilding work can begin, the fires have to be extinguished and the land mines surrounding sensitive production areas must be removed.

Lord Limerick, whose group is one of the eight teams established over recent weeks by the trade and industry department to deal with Kuwaiti reconstruction, said yesterday that the plan was a quick and efficient mechanism for administering the United Nation's resolutions on war compensations, which the Iraq government had agreed over the weekend.

He said they were hoping to meet with Kuwait's crown prince and other senior government officials to present the plan.

Mr Lilley's entourage is understood to include David Douglas-Home, chairman of Comet, Bill Pirie, chairman of the Middle East committee for the British consultants bureau, and officials from British Telecom. Three officials of the trade and industry department's firefighting sub-group arrived in Kuwait yesterday to present British proposals for extinguishing the 500 oil fires.

Sir Peter Darby, a leading official with the group and former government chief inspector of fire services, flew into the Gulf with two officals from Wimpey and Taylor Woodrow, the construction companies.

The Kuwait government is understood to be delighted at the British visits. Nevertheless, the trade and industry secretary's trip is unlikely to stem the growing tide of resentment at home against his department, and especially against its firefighting sub-group. More than 1,000 plans, claimed to be superior and faster than those being used by American firefighters, have been submitted by companies and individuals but those behind the schemes say they are failing to make progress with the DTI which has been swamped by applications.

One frustrated businessman commented: "We have been told that the Red Adairs are such national heroes in America that the government considers it politically insensitive to put forward better, British, ideas." Others claim to have been told that the sheer weight of proposals has been too many to screen.

Pay awards fall to 8.3% says CBI

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE Confederation of British Industry has confirmed that pay settlements fell in the first quarter of this year, narrowing the gap between pay rises and productivity growth.

Provisional figures from its latest pay databank survey, out today, show the gap between settlement levels and productivity growth has narrowed from 6.5 per cent to 4 per cent. Pay awards averaged 8.3 per cent in the first three months of this year, compared with an average of 8.9 per cent in the previous quarter.

The survey, part of the CBI's employment affairs report published today, also shows settlements in service companies averaged 8.8 per cent in the second half of last year, compared with 9 per cent in the first half of last year.

The employers' group says negotiators must continue to reach lower settlements in response to falling inflation to close the productivity gap with competitor nations.

The figures on pay for the quarter ended last month confirm an assessment rushed out in late February when the CBI first discovered a downturn in pay deals. The figure for the final quarter of last year, however, has been revised downwards from 9 per cent to 8.9 per cent.

The CBI assessment also confirms the trend shown by figures from Industrial Relations Services for the three months ending February.

The confederation highlighted a widening in the range of manufacturing pay settlements. According to its figures, the bottom 25 per cent of settlements were 2 per cent or more below the median. That compares with a gap of just 0.6 per cent a year ago.

In addition, it says, 10 per cent of manufacturers have declined to settle on the normal anniversary date, blaming difficult business conditions. Such firms are typically delaying settlements by two to five months, it says.

According to the CBI, companies are rejecting the idea of a pay settlement "norm". The confederation argues that settlements are being modified in response to the recession and membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The CBI is optimistic about the trend in labour cost competitiveness and productivity. It says the provisional figures from its pay databank suggest that for manufacturing firms agreeing pay deals during the first quarter, annual productivity growth averaged 4.25 per cent, up from 3.25 per cent in the final quarter of last year.

Richard Price, the CBI's deputy director general, said: "We can see that companies and their workforces are responding to an even tougher economic climate. But there is still a long way to go."

Unit labour costs must be much closer to those of other major countries if we are to emerge early from recession."

☐ A survey out today of 1,300 managing directors by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group, shows a mild improvement in business confidence, compared with a similar survey conducted three months ago.

The D&B survey, which covers expectations for the second quarter, foresees profits and sales continuing to decline, unemployment rising but envisages an improvement in export business.

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Centre stage for hard ecu scheme

By George Brock and George Sivell

BRITISH proposals on European monetary union will take centre stage at today's discussion between European finance ministers, as Britain looks back at a satisfactory first six months membership of the European exchange rate mechanism.

The strength of the British position comes at the beginning of a week that should see the first substantial fall in UK inflation since ERM entry, which in turn raises the possibility of a further half-point cut in bases rates to 12 per cent, compared with 15 per cent on the day Britain applied for membership.

City forecasts aggregated by MMS, the forecasting group, share a median of an 8.4 per cent rise in the retail price index due to be reported on Friday, with a range from 8.1 to 8.7 per cent. Last month's figure was 8.9 per cent.

Looking further ahead, the City expects a fall to 6.2 per cent for the year to April, as the steep mortgage rises of March 1990 fall out of the calculations.

There is no more enthusiasm today for the Treasury's hard ecu proposal than there ever has been, but the deadlock between the French and Germans over the second stage of the move to a single currency has given fresh importance to London's ideas for developments after 1994.

The debate, which takes place in the shadow of the heads of government summit later in the day, will review the progress of the monetary union conference which has concentrated for the last few weeks on the second stage of currency merger, scheduled to start in January 1994.

The blueprint in the Delors report envisaged this as a short second stage and full monetary union in the late Nineties. But the Delors plan left the details of what would happen during the intermediate stage almost blank.

At the first intergovernmental conference meeting, just after Easter, the Treasury proposed that, for the second stage, the ecu should be strengthened. There should be a "substantial" institutional development, which in British terms would be a European monetary fund to manage the hard ecu. There would no transfer of monetary sovereignty in the second stage

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Delors: second stage gap

HOWARD BARLOW

Wide horizons: keen fell walker Robert Mattock hopes to broaden Karrimor's range of products and create jobs

New man at the top for Karrimor

By Christopher Bennett

THE new managing director of Karrimor International, the adventure equipment maker, is a keen fell walker with a background in the fashion industry.

Robert Mattock, aged 43, who starts work with the Lancashire firm this morning, hopes to expand Karrimor's sports clothing in particular, and, in time, to take on more workers.

Mr Mattock has wide experience of the fashion industry. He has been a manager with the Burton Group, Leyland Paint & Wallpaper, and Burlington Wallcoverings. Most recently he was managing director of Buoyant Upholstery.

He describes himself as a keen fell walker and cyclist, happiest rambling in the Lake District with his wife and two teenage sons. Mr Mattock said: "I am hoping to lead the Karrimor team forward, to broaden our range of products and to secure our niche."

The company started making cycle bags 40 years ago. Since then it has expanded into all outdoor activity products. Karrimor is Europe's market leader in rucksacks which it exports to more than 20 countries. It boasts many Everest successes and the latest model of its Kondor rucksack won a design council award.

In January last year, Karrimor moved from Accrington to a purpose-built factory in nearby Clayton-le-Moors.

ADT talks 'poised to fail'

By Neil Bennett

PEACE talks between ADT, the security and car auctions group, and Laidlaw of Canada, its 29 per cent shareholder, were thought to have broken down last night, raising the threat of further legal action between the two groups.

Michael Ashcroft, ADT's chairman, and Don Jackson, Laidlaw's chief executive, met in Toronto on Friday and Saturday to discuss Laidlaw's legal action.

A statement was due from ADT late last night that was expected to say that the negotiations had collapsed without the two sides finding any basis for a settlement. The two company leaders are due face each other next at Laidlaw's board meeting on Wednesday, although Mr Ashcroft may boycott the meeting unless relations improve.

Sources close to the companies had hoped that Laidlaw would drop its legal action against ADT. An earlier statement said ADT and some of its directors have begun defamation proceedings against Laidlaw and Mr Jackson among others.

Mr Ashcroft starts a round of meetings with American institutional investors today in Boston and Philadelphia, and in New York tomorrow. The tour has been organised to introduce ADT's annual report but Mr Ashcroft is expected to use the meetings to reject Laidlaw's allegation that ADT published accounts "giving a false and misleading" impression of the company's finances.

Mr Ashcroft has already rejected the Canadian company's claim that he improperly dealt in BAA shares, since he says he never held a personal stake in BAA.

Mr Ashcroft is due to return to Britain on Thursday, to prepare to host the ADT London Marathon due to take place in two weeks.

Foreign funds save Tokyo banks

From Joanna Pitman in Tokyo

BLUE-SUITED bankers from the leviathans of the Japanese banking establishment have spent the past few evenings raising their sake glasses to toast foreign friends. The unwitting recipients of these plaudits are European and American fund managers.

For the banks have managed, against expectations, to sail through their Bank for International Settlement (BIS) March 31 interim requirements of 7.25 per cent (measuring banks' capital as a percentage of risk-weighted assets). All but one of the 12 city banks have already exceeded the 8 per cent final target for 1993.

Japanese banks owe most of their BIS ratio successes to the Tokyo stock market's recent recovery. The city banks have accumulated Japanese equity worth about 58,800 billion yen (£235 billion) over the last 40 years. Their holdings are so large that every 1,000-point movement of the Nikkei 225 index affects their BIS ratios by 20 basis points.

The Nikkei index has crept back from a three and a half year low of about 20,000 in September last year to 26,803. The power behind its rise has come almost entirely from European and American investors, mostly pension fund managers.

Only six months ago, nine of the 12 Japanese city banks, all three long-term credit banks and 69 regional banks had BIS ratios of well under 8 per cent. Rumours in Tokyo had it that the ministry of finance and the Bank of Japan were negotiating for a stay of execution, asking BIS for extra time on behalf of their banking constituents.

Japanese institutional investors were showing no signs of support. Instead of investing in the Tokyo stock market, many became net sellers late last year. Japanese investment trusts have brought their equity holdings down from a May 1990 high of 39.9 per cent of total assets to 33.7 per cent at the end of December.

John Baldwin, strategist at Jardine Fleming Securities in Tokyo, predicts Japanese institutional investors will be yet bigger sellers this year because they will need to compensate for write-offs of bad loans resulting from sustained high interest rates.

To the surprise and relief of Japan's bankers, foreign investors have come to the rescue. During February alone, more foreign money flowed into the Tokyo stock market than in any past single year. Foreign fund managers invested Y1,080 billion in February, almost twice the previous monthly record of Y539.9 billion in January 1989.

Mr Baldwin said: "The appearance of foreign buying has helped the dramatic turnaround in sentiment which followed the start of the Middle East war." After the 40 per cent decline in Tokyo share prices last year, foreign fund managers assume that a second year of plummeting prices is unlikely.

American pension funds, in particular, are keen to increase the weight of foreign stocks in their equity portfolios. While the US economy accounts for about 40 per cent of world GNP, American pension funds are estimated to have only 5 per cent to 6 per cent of their assets (10 per cent to 12 per cent of equity holdings) in foreign equities. Japanese equities have become a big investment target. European fund managers will also continue to increase their Japanese allocations and limit any decline in the Nikkei average caused by Japanese investors offloading their holdings.

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Northern Irish link may boost Scottish power privatisation

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE construction of a £150 million interconnector to import power into Northern Ireland from Scotland may emerge as a key plank of government plans to privatise the electricity industry in the province.

Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE), the state-owned power company, is studying plans for a 200-300 megawatt link beneath the 23-mile seaway between Larne in Antrim and Stranraer in Dumfries and Galloway.

Completion of a link would improve the scope for ScottishPower and Scottish Hydro, the integrated power companies set for privatisation in June, to export surplus capacity.

A transmission link to a wider market could also enable construction of larger power plants in Northern Ireland that would benefit from ecomomies of scale.

Until now, prices in Northern Ireland have been towards the top end of the United Kingdom scale, partly because a variety of smaller plants has been built to ensure security of supply.

The cost of a link might well win funding support from the European Community. In a white paper on the privatisation of Northern Ireland Electricity, published last month, the government said an interconnector could be operating by the mid-Nineties if power could be purchased at a suitable price.

Preliminary discussions with ScottishPower are believed to have already taken place.

The government hopes to convert NIE into a power supply company by next March, in preparation for a public share offering.

The province's four power stations will be sold in a trade sale to the highest bidder, almost certainly in two lots.

Power demand in Northern Ireland has shown one of the highest growth rates in the United Kingdom, rising by 3.5 per cent a year. Use of electricity has been increased by the closure of the province's piped gas supply network.

Northern Ireland's power stations experienced a peak demand of 1,399mw in the year to March last year, compared with 46,875mw in England and Wales.

Each power station has smaller generating sets than those common in England to allow supply to be more closely matched to demand. Ballylumford, the province's largest generating station, is oil fired and has a maximum output of 960mw.

Kilroot I, the most modern station, was commissioned in 1982 and has 520mw of capacity, burning coal or oil. Whoever buys the station will be expected to install further generating sets in its over-large turbine hall and fit flue gas desulphurisation equipment. The cost of the work could run to £250 million.

Extra capacity to supply Northern Ireland will become necessary by the middle of the decade when Belfast West, a 240mw coal plant built 33 years ago reaches the end of its life.

Whoever buys Kilroot I will probably be expected to take Belfast West.

Likewise, the buyer of Ballylumford will probably also acquire Coolkeeragh, a 360mw oil fired station commissioned in 1959 and refurbished in 1967. It, too, is reaching the end of its useful life.

An interconnector with the Republic of Ireland, which crosses the border near Crossmaglen, has been unused for several years because of sectarian violence.

The opportunities for power generation in Northern Ireland could attract mainland generating and supply companies, as well as construction groups, independent generators and overseas power companies.

Coats and Tootal argue bid logic

TIM BISHOP

Picking up the thread of argument: Martin Flower, of Coats, who argues the logic of the £194 million bid for Tootal

COATS Viyella and Tootal have begun a bitter debate over the industrial logic behind Coats's £194 million hostile bid for the rival textile group (Neil Bennett writes).

Martin Flower, the chairman of Coats's thread division, claims a merger would create a dominant player in the world thread market and that Tootal executives were enthusiastic two years ago.

Anthony Habgood, Tootal's chief executive, warns investors, however, that such a merger would cost both companies millions of pounds in lost sales as clothing manufacturers would look for alternative thread sources.

"The commercial logic of this merger is staring me in the face," said Mr Flower, who puts combined worldwide sales of Tootal/Coats thread at £1 billion.

The group would be the market leader in Britain, Europe and in America, where Coats is fourth and Tootal second in terms of sales. Mr Flower says that the two groups could rationalise manufacturing in mature markets such as Europe and America and invest in new dyeing and finishing plant in countries with emerging textile industries.

Mr Habgood. however, says textile manufacturers prefer to use two thread suppliers, and would look for alternative sources if the merger goes ahead. "When we bought SCT in 1986," he said, "we lost a tenth of our sales in America. This would be repeated on a larger scale."

Coats has extended its 65p-a-share cash bid for Tootal until this week, but analysts expect it to increase the offer soon, possibly through a share issue.

Barclays to float stake in Harare

BARCLAYS Bank is plann a new wave of investment Africa by floating a 30 per c stake in its Zimbabw subsidiary on the fast-grow Zimbabwe Stock Exchang making it one of the lar companies to be listed the

Barclays Bank of Zimbal has more than 50 branc and claims to control 25 cent of the retail bank mar

The bank plans to sell 25 cent of the subsidiary i public offer and a further 5 cent to employees. Details be released in a prospe next month. The mo raised will be used to dev its banking network.

The sale comes after n tiations with the Zimba government and the Re Bank of Zimbabwe, who keen to breathe life Harare's nascent fina markets. Barclays has stre it is not planning to dis from the subsidiary and retain its 70 per cent stak the foreseeable future.

The flotation will be o a growing number of between Zimbabwe and ish companies. Last Cluff Resources, the gold ing company, raised Zim million (£11.5 million) it floated a 15 per cent st its principal subsidiary o Harare exchange.

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Singapore's 105-year-o fles Hotel, closed for tions two years ag reopen in September. Helfer, executive dir Raffles Hotel Ltd, s work had cost Sing$1 lion (£91 million).

West Midlands firms see further contraction

By Ross Tieman Industrial Correspondent

MANUFACTURERS in the West Midlands heartland of British industry foresee further severe contraction in the coming quarter.

Evidence from the quarterly survey of industry produced by the region's Chambers of Commerce shows companies took only modest comfort from the Budget week interest rate cut.

The companies believe further cuts should take precedence over action against inflation.

Sixty-one per cent of the 479 respondents reported a fall in orders during the quarter to end-March. Only 26 per cent expected sales to rise during the coming 12 months, compared with 42 per cent predicting a further fall. The outlook for profits was even less hopeful.

The only cause for optimism in the results was the apparent determination of most companies to maintain investment. The chambers found that 63 per cent had unchanged plans for investment in plant and machinery, although 31 per cent had revised plans downwards, against only 6 per cent with increased investment commitments.

Further cuts in interest rates were ranked among the four factors most likely to improve their prospects by 93 per cent of firms.

The survey reveals that only 13 per cent of companies were working at full capacity. More than half were working at 80 per cent of capacity or less.

Nearly half of the companies questioned had reduced their workforce within the past three months. Only 6 per cent had increased employee numbers.

Thirty seven per cent expected to shed jobs during this quarter.

None the less, almost a third of companies continued to have difficulties in recruitment, and a shortage of skilled manual labour remained the principal difficulty for those seeking employees.

Century predicts jump in profits

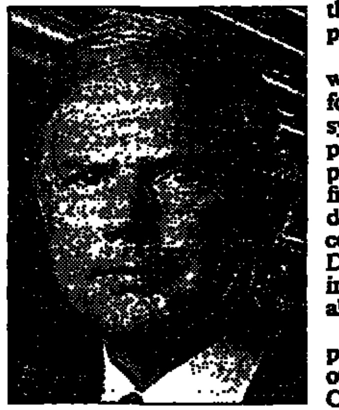
By Martin Barrow

CENTURY Oils has posted a circular forecasting £4.2 million pre-tax profits for the year to end-March in its defence against a £35 million hostile takeover bid from Fuchs Group, the German, family-run lubricants company.

That compares with reported pre-tax profits of £2.9 million in the previous 12 months and implies an increase in earnings to 9.1p per share (6.7p). There is no dividend forecast.

The recovery in profits to 1988-9 levels is attributed to the rationalisation of unproductive operations and reduced overheads and a rise in operating margins after the withdrawal from certain lower-margin business.

Charles Mitchell, Century's chairman and managing director, promises further cost reductions with the closure of the company's Lubecentre trade sales operations this year. The closure is intended to offset the impact of the economic downturn and any further decline in revenue from the restructured British coal industry, which accounts for almost one-fifth of group turnover. European operations are to be integrated into existing manufacturing capacity based in Belgium.



Mitchell: cost cutting

Century makes no suggestion of talks with a third party or the possibility of a friendly bid, but reveals that it has held talks with several oil companies about integration of production at its modern lubricants plant at Hanley, Staffordshire. The company estimates that doubled throughput could increase profits by £1.4 million a year.

Discussions are also under way with potential customers for the supply of ten Autoflote systems, designed by the company to control froth flotation plants that separate minerals from waste material. The deals could yield rental income of £3.2 million a year. Development of the system, initiated in 1985, is now almost completed.

Fuchs already holds 13.5 per cent of Century and is offering 110p cash per share. On Friday, the shares closed at 125p.

Lonrho to build Zimbabwe hotel

By Colin Campbell

LONRHO, the international group with extensive trading and mining interests in Africa, is planning to build and manage a five-star, multi-million pound hotel in Harare, Zimbabwe's capital.

The Zimbabwe government is said to be anxious that construction should start soon on the project it had hoped would be ready for the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in October.

But Paul Spicer, the company's London-based director, says he does not wish to discuss the Harare reports that work, costing the equivalent of £60 million, will start soon on the hotel and office block at the corner of Samora Machel Avenue and Fourth Street.

The 19-storey hotel and eight-storey offices are expected to take 18 months to build, and will be managed by the London Metropole Hotel group, a Lonrho subsidiary that has extensive interests in Britain, the Caribbean and Kenya, and which recently started work on a 100-room hotel in Accra, Ghana. Construction of a £50 million extension at the London Metropole Hotel is due for completion this September.

Lonrho's interests in Zimbabwe include motor trading, wattle estates, gold mining, textile manufacturing and coach building.

Zimbabwe celebrates 11 years of independence on April 18, and is keen for fresh overseas investments to boost its economy.

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14. Each tender must be for one amount and at one price. The minimum price, below which tenders will not be accepted, is £94.25 per cent. Tenders must be made at the minimum price or at higher prices which are multiples of 5p. Tenders lodged without a price being stated will be deemed to have been made at the minimum price.

15. Unless the tenderer is a member of the CGO Service, tenders must be accompanied by a deposit at the rate of £40.00 for every £100 of the NOMINAL amount of the Loan tendered for. A separate cheque must accompany each tender; cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

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Amount of the Loan tendered for	*Multiple*
£100-£1,000	£100
£1,000-£3,000	£500
£3,000-£10,000	£1,000
£10,000-£50,000	£5,000
£50,000 or greater	£25,000

17. Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right to reject any tender or part of any tender and may therefore allot to tenderers less than the full amount of the Loan. Tenders will be ranked in descending order of price and allotments will be made to tenderers whose tenders are at or above the lowest price at which Her Majesty's Treasury decide that any tender should be accepted (the allotment price), which will be not less than the minimum tender price. All allotments will be made at the allotment price: tenders which are accepted and which are made at prices above the allotment price will be allotted in full, tenders made at the allotment price may be allotted in full or in part only. Any balance of the Loan not allotted to tenderers will be allotted at the allotment price to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, Issue Department.

18. Letters of allotment in respect of the amount of the Loan allotted, being the only form in which the Loan (other than amounts held in the CGO Service for the account of members) may be transferred prior to registration, will be despatched by post at the risk of the tenderer, but the despatch of any letter of allotment, and any refund of the balance of the amount paid as deposit, may at the discretion of the Bank of England be withheld until the tenderer's cheque has been paid. In the event of such withholding, the tenderer will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the acceptance of his tender and of the amount of the Loan allocated to him, subject in each case to the payment of his cheque, but such notification will confer no right on the tenderer to transfer the amount of the Loan so allocated.

19. No allotment will be made for a less amount than £100 of the Loan. In the event of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will, when refunded, be remitted by cheque despatched by post at the risk of the tenderer; if no allotment is made the amount paid as deposit will be returned likewise. Payment in full may be made at any time after allotment but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Interest may be charged on a day-to-day basis on any overdue amount which may be accepted at a rate equal to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for seven day deposits in sterling ("LIBOR") plus 1 per cent per annum. Such rate will be determined by the Bank of England by reference to market quotations on the due date for such payment for LIBOR obtained from such source or sources as the Bank of England shall consider appropriate. Default in due payment of any amount in respect of the Loan will render the allotment of such amount of the Loan liable to cancellation and any amount previously paid liable to forfeiture.

20. Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request to the Registrar's Department, Bank of England (New Issues), Southgate House, Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1UW received on any date not later than 11th May 1991. Such requests must be signed and must be accompanied by the letters of allotment.

21. Subject to the provisions governing membership of the CGO Service, a member of that Service may, by completing Section D of the tender form, request that any amount of the Loan allotted to him be credited direct to his account in the CGO on Thursday, 11th April 1991 by means of a member-to-member delivery from an account in the name of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, New Issues Account. Failure to accept such delivery by the deadline for member-to-member deliveries under the rules of the CGO Service on 11th April 1991 shall for the purposes of this prospectus constitute default in due payment of the deposit payable in respect of the relevant amount of the Loan. A member of the CGO Service may also, subject to the provisions of the agreement governing membership of that Service, surrender a partly-paid letter of allotment to the CGO for cancellation and for the amount of the Loan comprised therein to be credited to the member's account. The member who is shown by the accounts of the CGO as being entitled to any amount of the Loan shall, to the exclusion of all persons previously entitled to such amount of the Loan and any person claiming any entitlement thereto, both be treated as entitled to such amount of the Loan as if that member were the holder of a letter of allotment and be liable for the payment of any amount due in respect of such amount of the Loan. A member will be entitled at any time prior to registration to withdraw, in multiples of £100, amounts of the Loan credited to the member's account and to obtain a partly-paid letter of allotment comprising each amount of the Loan, and such member shall be liable for the payment of all amounts becoming due thereafter in respect of such amounts of the Loan unless and until the letters of allotment are surrendered to the CGO for cancellation as aforesaid.

22. Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the balance of the purchase money is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 13th May 1991; registration of amounts of the Loan held for the account of members of the CGO Service will be effected under separate arrangements.

23. Until the close of business on 10th September 1991, stock issued in accordance with this prospectus will be known as 9 per cent Treasury Loan, 2008 "C". The interest due on 13th October 1991 will be paid separately on holdings of the existing 9 per cent Treasury Loan, 2008 and on holdings of "C" stock registered at the close of business on 10th September 1991; consequently, interest mandates, authorities for income tax exemption and other notifications recorded in respect of holdings of existing stock will not be applied to the payment of interest due on 13th October 1991 on holdings of "C" stock.

24. Transfers of 9 per cent Treasury Loan, 2008 "C" may be lodged at the Bank of England for registration in that form up to and including 6th September 1991. After that date, for purposes of certification, the "C" stock will not be distinguished from the existing 9 per cent Treasury Loan, 2008. From the opening of business on 11th September 1991, the "C" stock will be amalgamated on the register with the existing stock. CGO account balances will have been amalgamated from the opening of business on 9th September 1991.

25. Tender forms and copies of this prospectus may be obtained by post from the Registrar's Department, Bank of England (New Issues), Southgate House, Southgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1UW, at the Central Gilts Office, Bank of England, 1 Bank Buildings, Princes Street, London, EC2R 8EU or at any of the Branches or Agencies of the Bank of England, at the Bank of Ireland, Moyne Buildings, 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Belfast, BT1 5BN, or at any office of The International Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

Government Statement

Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29th May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, this Loan is issued or sold by or on behalf of the Government or the Bank; that no responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure; and that such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON
5th April 1991

TENDER FORM

This form must be sent to the Chief Registrar, Bank of England (New Issues), PO Box 444, Gloucester, GL1 1NP to arrive not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH APRIL 1991, or lodged by hand at the Central Gilts Office, Bank of England, Bank Buildings, 19 Old Jewry, London not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH APRIL 1991, or lodged by hand at any of the Branches or Agencies of the Bank of England not later than 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL 1991.

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FOR TENDER AT A MINIMUM TENDER PRICE OF £94.25 PER CENT

TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND

I/We tender in accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 5th April 1991 as follows:—

SECTION A
Amount of the above-mentioned Loan tendered for, being a minimum of £100 and in a multiple as follows:—

Amount of the Loan tendered for	*Multiple*
£100-£1,000	£100
£1,000-£3,000	£500
£3,000-£10,000	£1,000
£10,000-£50,000	£5,000
£50,000 or greater	£25,000

BOX 1 NOMINAL AMOUNT OF THE LOAN TENDERED FOR
£

SECTION B
The price tendered per £100 of the Loan, being a multiple of 5p and not less than the minimum tender price of £94.25:—

BOX 2 TENDER PRICE (a)
£ : p

Amount of deposit enclosed, being £40.00 for every £100 of the NOMINAL amount of the Loan tendered for (shown in Box 1) at the tender price (shown in Box 2):—

BOX 3 AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT (b)
£

SECTION C
I/We hereby engage to pay the balance of the purchase money when it becomes due on any allotment that may be made in respect of this tender, as provided by the said prospectus.
I/We request that any letter of allotment in respect of any amount of the Loan allotted to me/us be sent by post at my/our risk to me/us at the address shown below.

Date.................... SIGNATURE...
of, or on behalf of, tenderer

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

MR/MRS MISS/MS	FORENAMES IN FULL	SURNAME

FULL POSTAL ADDRESS:—

POST-TOWN	COUNTY	POSTCODE

SECTION D
THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CGO MEMBERS ONLY

Name of contact ....
CGO PARTICIPANT NUMBER .... Telephone number ....

We request that any amount of the Loan allotted to us be credited direct to our account at the Central Gilts Office. We hereby irrevocably undertake to accept such amount of the Loan by member-to-member delivery through the Central Gilts Office Service from the Governor and Company of the Bank of England New Issues Account (Participant number 4899) by the deadline for such deliveries on 11th April 1991, and we agree that the consideration to be input in respect of such delivery shall be the aggregate amount payable by us on the allotment of such amount of the Loan in accordance with the terms of the prospectus. We also hereby engage to pay the balance of the purchase money when it becomes due on any allotment that may be made in respect of this tender as provided by the said prospectus.

Stamp of Firm

Authorised Signature(s) ....
....
Date .... TI

a. *The price tendered must be a multiple of 5p and not less than the minimum tender price. If no price is stated, this tender will be deemed to have been made at the minimum tender price.* Each tender must be for one amount and at one price.

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House prices are not the problem

ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

ings — hence the combination of rising inflation and unsustainable trade deficits seen in the tail-end of the Lawson boom.

The Treasury and the Bank are determined to prevent the same mistakes in the Nineties. But is their diagnosis correct? This simplified account misses one all-important detail. What was remarkable about the Eighties was not the rate of increase in house prices or the levels to which they ultimately rose. The two previous booms, 1970 to 1973 and 1977 to 1979, were just as steep, and the peak level of house prices relative to earnings was considerably higher in late 1972 than it was at the climax of the last boom. The unique feature this time was the extent to which people were able to transform their housing wealth into cash by raising bigger mortgages. Thus, if the recent inflation was started in the housing market (and this is a big if), the real cause was not the increase in house prices *per se*, but the interaction between rising house prices and financial deregulation.

In the last year, mortgage borrowing has slowed because the housing market has seized up and homeowners have lost confidence that rising house prices would eventually erode the real value of their borrowings. But if house prices start rising again, there is potential for immensely greater borrowing, since the ratio of mortgage debt to housing wealth still stands at only about 25 per cent. Every percentage point increase in this gearing ratio would unleash a further £10 billion of spending power.

This was of course the danger which drove the Governor two weeks ago to remark that he might be "attracted" to certain direct controls on mortgage lending and consumer credit. The Treasury, however, has rubbished the whole idea. Not only would credit controls be ineffective, but even if they could be made to work, controls would be unjust, since any aggregate control on mortgage lending would bear most heaviliy on the poor and the first-time buyers who are inevitably the worst credit risks and the least attractive customers for mortgage lenders.

This is a good point, but it leaves the Chancellor in a quandary. If the present ratio of mortgage debt to housing wealth leaves almost limitless potential for further borrowing, but the supply of debt cannot be constrained by administrative means, there seem to be just two other options — to constrain the demand for borrowing with very high interest rates or to reduce the quantity of housing wealth. For the past two years the emphasis has been on the first policy, although the fall in the value of housing has been a welcome by-product (at least from the Treasury's point of view). But as interest rates fall, the value of housing will inevitably start rising.

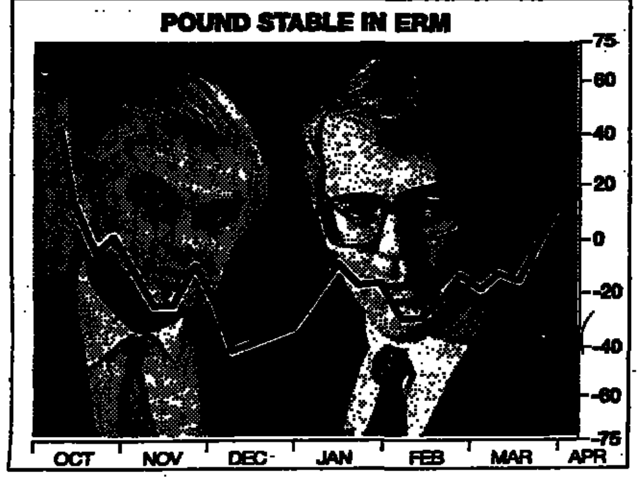
For the present, it is absurd for the Treasury and the Chancellor to be worrying about this conundrum, since rising house prices, and even mortgage borrowing, would make a welcome contribution to ending the recession. In the longer term, however, the government will need to do some clear thinking. Is undermining the value of the nation's housing wealth really the only way to control excessive borrowing?

There is another approach. With a little imagination, policies could be designed quite easily to discourage mortgage borrowing which would be both effective and fair to first-time buyers. It could, for example, be made more difficult for lenders to repossess a residential property if the loan in default was not genuinely used for house purchase. Alternatively, mortgages could be subjected to stamp duties or registration taxes, as they are in many European countries. A significant mortgage tax — say 10 per cent of the face value — would act as a powerful disincentive against excessive borrowing. First-time buyers could easily be exempted from such a tax, if desired.

There might be complaints about any government that introduced such restrictions or taxes. But if the alternative was permanently high interest rates and stagnant house prices, most voters would certainly prefer a government to throw some grit in the mortgage machine.

Patient makes progress under ERM treatment

POUND STABLE IN ERM



Sterling's daily spot rate divergence from its agreed central ECU rate. The limit is plus or minus 75 points

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, made the point in his recent appearance before the Commons Treasury and Civil Service select committee that the deterioration in British competitiveness has been much less during the present recession than of 1980-1. In fact, there has been little overall change in terms of export prices against the ERM currencies.

Having languished until last month in the lower half of its fluctuation bands, to the comfort of those who considered it overvalued, the pound has begun to display an independent strength that has secured it a firm place in upper half.

At the end of its first day in ERM, sterling stood at *DM3.0277, but it was only to* hold such levels for a week before the positive impact of joining after 11 years of prevarication started to fade. Last Friday, it closed at DM2.9810.

As Mr Leigh-Pemberton noted, while it was encouraging that the pound had climbed back above its central position, sterling had "naturally" stayed within the narrow 2.25 per cent fluctuation band against the mark, without a formal move from the wide 6 per cent bands.

Officially narrowing the bands is still the goal, but only when British inflation has come down and more fundamentally converged with the hard core countries of the European monetary system.

Inflation, as measured by the retail price index, is on course to fall below 4 per cent in the autumn. Underlying inflation is, however, a more stubborn beast, as the most recent data made plain.

This points to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, being able to sanction only limited cuts in interest rates over the rest of this year, regardless of the much-improved position of the pound.

The big issue for the government has to be whether it can continue to keep to the counter-inflationary regime of the ERM as unemployment rises apace, recession drags on and a general election approaches. Premature easing would damage credibility, but might prove a sore temptation.

Not only has sterling risen to second from top of the ERM, but it has also gained about 2.5 per cent against the mark since the last Bundesbank tightening on February 1.

Interest rate differentials between Britain and Germany have narrowed, but British rates must still offer a premium broadly matching the gap in core inflation levels. This translates into a 12 per cent floor for British short-term interest rates, unless German rates ease, as they could later this year.

ERM membership alone will not be enough in Britain, where Mr Leigh-Pemberton sees a people still lacking a "developed antipathy for inflation". Huge medium-term adjustments have to be made on wages. Economic growth is likely to be lacklustre, while unemployment will establish itself at a higher level, if the experience of other European Monetary System members is any guide.

After a stumbling start in the ERM, the Treasury and the Bank of England have successfully built up Britain's credibility.

The Chancellor Lamont should be able to deliver inflation convergence with the best later this year. But can it be sustained?

COLIN NARBROUGH
Economics Correspondent

Why recovery could mean an end to the price rally

GILT-EDGED

JUST as the Editor of *The Times* receives letters claiming to have heard the first cuckoo of spring, we are waiting expectantly for the first broker's circular to tell us the recession is over. The timing and strength of the economy's recovery this year will be crucial in guiding inflation psychology and, by extension, gilt yields.

The early signs are there. Last week, the British equity market hit record highs, the CBI unveiled the first rise in output expectations for eight months, retailers reported a rush of sales to beat the value-added tax rise, and the Nationwide Building Society said house prices rose 1 per cent in the first quarter after a 4.7 per cent fall in the last quarter of 1990.

Markets usually worry less about the level of a given forecast than its next revision. A year ago the City consensus forecast for growth this year was plus 2.3 per cent; now it is minus 1.4 per cent. In the meantime, the long gilt future has rallied by about 16 points.

Ironically, the Chancellor's forecast of a 2 per cent contraction in real GDP in 1991 may mark the turning point. To achieve this forecast, a sharp downturn is needed in the first half. This we do not envisage, especially as real GDP is likely to be broadly flat in the first quarter. The second quarter would have to be a disaster for the Treasury projection to be correct. The bottom line is that growth forecasts are more likely to move up than down, with bearish implications for gilts.

‘Economic policy settings suggest an upturn should be on the way’

Economic policy settings suggest an upturn should be on the way. Fiscal policy has moved from being fairly tight in 1989 and 1990 to being more neutral, if not stimulative, despite the less than giveaway Budget. Monetary policy is also more relaxed — the three-month interbank rate has fallen two-and-a-half points in the past six months and the pound has depreciated by 11 per cent against the dollar since early February.

However, just as cuckoos can be misheard (I am told the wood pigeon has a similar call), so this may be a false call on the economy. The stage is set for recovery, but the upswing may be slower in starting than people think.

For a sustained and vigorous upturn, mortgage rates need to fall to about 13 per cent. This may be achieved before long with another 0.5 per cent off base rates but will take time to feed through. Real capital spending will probably be slow to come out of the recession: the CBI output expectations indicator will need to build decisively on March's rise to avoid the very sharp fall predicted by the Treasury.

Most likely is that the economy will drag itself out of the slump in the same way a man would wade out of a quagmire.

Turning to the gilt market, the economic logic has tended to support a bear case rather than a bull one. Commentators have rounded up the usual suspects — increased supply, political risk premiums, doubts about underlying inflation — with great regularity. Yet gilt prices have shown remarkable buoyancy.

Most of the buying in a thin market may have come from the Continent. Double-digit yields on short-to-medium gilts, and sterling's gain within the exchange-rate mechanism, will have been attractive to a European investor seeking DM alternatives. Domestic investors may have simply been reluctant to sell in a rising market. In the short term, market movements may be determined on the other side of the Channel.

Looking ahead, the prolonged gilt rally since last April is probably drawing to a close. However, if the economic recovery is slow to arrive and lacking in conviction, the downside in gilt prices may be limited. Indeed, for many investors 10 per cent nominal yields and expected inflation of 4 per cent are still an attractive proposition.

DICK HOWARD
Julius Baer Investments

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

handled the affair for the past three years.

BRIAN Basham, one of the Square Mile's most enduring public relations men, has made good his pledge to bounce back after the demise of his Broad Street PR group. His new company is called Warwick Corporate and he has persuaded many of the former Broad Street clients — British Airways, Wimpey and Cable and Wireless among them — to stick with him.

Champagne André

SUCH is the importance of Britain to champagne producers — 21 million bottles were shipped in last year — that they will go to any lengths to make a good impression. So there was understandable panic when André Enders, director of the Comité Interprofessional du Vin de Champagne, discovered he had four hours to travel from France to London for a black tie dinner at the Savoy tomorrow. Enders, a household name in the champagne industry, was also due to attend the spring reunion of the region's growers — an event that he could not possibly ignore, and that he was unlikely to leave before 3.30 pm. A helicopter will be standing by to whisk him from the village of Chouilly, near Épernay — venue of the growers' get-together — to the tiny Reims airport of Bètheny. There, he will climb aboard a twin-engined Mitsubishi aircraft bound for Biggin Hill, Kent, from where a chauffeur-driven limousine will speed him, traffic permitting, into central London. The cost of the return trip? The equivalent of three cases of Dom Perignon — or £1,700 at going rates.

"Before you can say 'insurance' we shall be into subsidence claims."

THE manager of the Scottish Electricity share information office is a Mr Watt.

Today's people

RICHARD Branson and Anita Roddick have been included in the new edition of *Debrett's People of Today* because of their business achievements. They take their place next to Gerald Ratner, Sir Brian Wolfson, chairman of Wembley, and John Ritblat of British Land. The distinguished list also includes Peter Earl, chief executive of Tranwood, the merchant bank, who has been involved in attempts to rescue Tottenham Hotspur. Ominously, given recent losses at Tranwood, Earl lists his recreations as geriatric rowing . . . and corporate rescue.

SIGN on the front gate of a house in Perth, Western Australia: "Forget the dog. Beware of the owner."

Knox's new pack

MANY of the analysts and brokers being laid off by larger City firms are resurfacing at smaller boutiques within the Square Mile. Such is the case with Peter Knox, electronics analyst at Salomon Brothers until January, when he was shown the door with four colleagues, including Francesco Ricciulli, a specialist in Italian stock, and James Ritchie, a conglomerates expert. Knox, aged 29, has now taken on the role of European electronics analyst at Williams de Broë. It is his third City post, after he started with Robert Fleming Investment Management in 1985, and went on to join Savory Milln in May 1986. "The difference in atmosphere is quite striking," says Knox who, to the amusement of his new colleagues, is an avid beagler — a pursuit that sees him chasing hares with a pack of dogs in his spare time. Nick Woodifield, head of European research and sales at Williams de Broë, is keen to take advantage of the present shake-out from the bigger players. His cheque book is waiting . . .

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Recession will take its toll at Pearson

TODAY

A DECLINE in full-year profits is expected today from **Pearson**, the publishing, banking and industrial group headed by Lord Blakenham. The figures should reflect the impact of the recession, adverse currency movements and falling advertising revenues.

The results for the second half will indicate clearly how hard the downturn in the British media business has hit trading. UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £230 million, against £250.5 million last time. Market forecasts range from £220 million to £235 million.

However, the group, which owns the *Financial Times*, Lazards, the merchant bank, and Penguin books, has a strong balance sheet, with a capitalisation of about £2 billion and debts of about £100 million.

News is awaited on Pearson's future direction, and also on acquisitions after the sale of the 22 per cent stake in Elsevier, the Dutch publisher, for £313 million. The group should benefit from its broad spread of publishing interests and a recovery in the domestic market could begin in the second half.

The market is waiting for further details on new forecasts and traffic flows from **Eurotunnel**, the Anglo-French group responsible for the Channel tunnel project.

There is revived confidence in the project after the refinancing last November, and further excellent tunnelling progress is expected to be announced in the year-end statement.

Eurotunnel has raised £8.6 billion to cover the projected construction costs of £7.6 billion. Some analysts are optimistic that final costs will stay below the group's estimates and that tunnelling may be completed ahead of the schedule.

Michelle Proud at County NatWest WoodMac expects interim pre-tax profits at **Highland Distilleries**, the whisky group, to climb from £12.7 million to £14.4 million. The company should benefit from its Famous Grouse brand which, according to trade estimates, lifted its sales by 16 per cent last year.

The **MB-Caradon** building-products-to-printing group is expected to announce final pre-tax profits just above £100 million (against £80 million last time on a pro forma basis) in the first full year of the new group after the demerger of the packaging activities and the acquisition of Caradon.

Interims: Highland Distilleries, Magnetic Materials Group.
Finals: Chepstow Racecourse, Eurotunnel, Fortnum & Mason, Gowrings, Home Counties Newspapers, ISA International, MB-Caradon, Metsec, North British Canadian Investment Co, Pearson, Severfield-Reeve, Sykes-Pickavant Group, Thompson Clive Investments, United Friendly Insurance.
Economic statistics: Housing starts and completions (February), credit business (February), retail sales (February — final).

Healthy profits: Bernard Taylor, of Medeva

Tough going: David Jones, of loss-making Next

TOMORROW

Mowlem (John) & Company, the construction, scaffolding, property and housebuilding group which owns London City Airport, is expected to show final pre-tax profits of between £30 million and £36 million, against last time's £22 million which was held back by exceptional write-offs of £33 million for London City Airport.

Interims: Shandwick, Stanhope Properties, Wardle Storeys, Wescol Group.
Finals: Alexandra Workwear, Stockleys, Boosey & Hawkes, Bostrom, Bourne End Properties, Britannia Group, City Centre Restaurants, Erith, Fairhaven International, *Mowlem (John) & Company*, Richards Group, Savoy Hotel, Sherwood Computer Services, Topdanmark AS, Total — Cie Française des Petroles, Tudor, UK Land.

WEDNESDAY

Andy Chambers, at Nomura Research Institute, expects **Smiths Industries**, the aerospace, medical systems and industrial products group, to report interim pre-tax profits of £53 million, against £50.1 million last time. Market forecasts range from £50 million to £52 million.

Louise Hough, at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, expects Next, the troubled fashion retailing group headed by David Jones, to confirm that conditions in the high street are still difficult. She forecasts final pre-tax losses of £40 million, including £33 million of exceptional write-downs, compared with last time's losses of £46.7 million.

Final pre-tax profits at **RMC Group**, the world's largest supplier of ready-mixed concrete, are expected to decline from £248 million to £220 million, according to Kleinwort Benson. Market forecasts range from £210 million to £230 million.

Full-year pre-tax profits at **Queens Moat Houses** are expected to advance from £62.4 million to between £89 million and £99 million, showing a good performance from both the British and the European hotels, aided by the acquisition of the Norfolk Capital group.

UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £47.2 million (£46.1 million) for **Ocean Group**, the freight, environmental and marine services group.

Interims: Smiths Industries, TIP Europe.
Finals: Bilton (Percy), Brabant Resources, Cairn Energy, Dagenham Motors Group, FBD Holdings, Haden Maclellan Holdings, Herring Son & Daw Holdings, House of Lerose, Malaysia Mining Corpn, Next, Nurdin & Peacock, Ocean Group, Proudfoot (Alexander), Queens Moat Houses, RMC Group, Sherwood Group, Sindall (William), Stylo, Waco Group.
Economic statistics: Advance energy statistics (February).

THURSDAY

Medeva, the fast-growing medical research and pharmaceuticals company chaired by Bernard Taylor, who was a former chief executive of Glaxo, should announce a healthy set of full-year results.

Medeva has now placed itself in the top ten British pharmaceuticals companies through a series of acquisitions and disposals.

The company dominates the British vaccine market, with a share of about 90 per cent by volume and 40 per cent by value, and it is now a strong player in the generic pharmaceuticals market, with a market share of about 30 per cent.

Laing & Cruickshank, the company's broker, is expecting full-year pre-tax profits to top £4 million, against a loss of £2.62 million last time.

Interims: AB Electronic Products, Alcan Aluminum, Barry Wehmiller International, Dowding & Mills, New Central Witwatersrand Areas.
Finals: Anglo American Investment Trust, Billam (J), Bodycote International, Fitch-RS, Hampden Homecare, Lamont Holdings, Lawrence (Walter), Malaya Group, McLaughlin & Harvey, Medeva, Micro Focus Group, Pittard Garnar.
Economic statistics: Quarterly analysis of bank advances (December-February).

FRIDAY

Interims: None announced.
Finals: Anglo American Gold Investment Co, Associated Farmers, Dinkie Heel, F&C Pacific Investment Trust, Scottish Heritable Trust, Wembley.
Economic statistics: Usable steel production (March), retail prices index and tax and price index (March), capital issues and redemptions (March).

PHILIP PANGALOS

South African gold mines in deep trouble

THIS month's batch of 1991 first quarterly reports from *South Africa's gold mines*, due soon, will confirm that the mines are part of an industry in trouble.

The reports, covering the three months to end-March, will spread fresh gloom over an area where 80,000 jobs have already been cut, where up to another 80,000 jobs are under threat and where further mine closures are increasingly probable.

To close down a gold mine in South Africa is not cheap, nor politically or socially acceptable. Gold has long been regarded as the backbone of the economy, but an estimated 30 per cent of the country's gold output is being produced at a loss because of the weak world gold price and against a background of steeply rising mining costs.

Stilfontein, an old gold mine in the Gencor stable, last week announced that it had not made a working profit since November 1989 and, since there was no end in sight to its problems, it was to stop underground mining.

The South African Chamber of Mines last month gave a warning that more than 190,000 miners, equivalent to about 42 per cent of the industry's 453,000-strong workforce, were employed on mines that were unprofitable at current gold prices.

The end-March quarterly reports from the Gold Fields *of South Africa* stable showed generally lower results: a pattern other mining houses are expected to reflect in their reports.

London analysts view the South African mining problems with mixed emotions. At a time when the world gold price has failed to perform, particularly in South African rand terms, and mine output from other world producers has remained high, any gold mine closure should positively affect the world price.

South Africa produces 601 tonnes of gold a year, down from 672 tonnes a decade a and remains the world's f most producer.

But South African proc tion is predominantly f deep mines at a time w new mine supply, from o pit operations in other par the world, has increased, from a lower cost base.

Many analysts agree th the world gold mining dustry expects to make m out of current depressed ditions, gold mines have alternative but to play "n cal chairs".

The debate, however, tres on which gold mine, which gold mining h should fall on its sword.

Individual mining h and mines have tried to in ment rationalisation grammes, but such include labour cutback the cancellation of in expansion.

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SMALLER COMPANIES

Growth on the cards at Clinton

BRITONS may be known for their reserve but they send more greeting cards than any other nationality.

Individuals receive an average of 30 cards at Christmas and the market, which includes novelty gifts exchanged at Easter and on Valentine's Day, is worth £700 million a year. By comparison, the market for household detergents is worth only £639 million and for gin £570 million. Even tea and coffee fall short of the amount spent on cards.

The market is highly fragmented, with sales from post offices, department stores, newsgents and market stalls. Mail order is also a popular source, particularly for cards that raise money for charity.

But greeting cards are big business and it was inevitable that an attempt would be made to rationalise the market.

The fastest-growing specialist card retailer and the only one quoted on the stock market is Clinton Cards, which claims a 6 per cent market share.

Clinton was founded by Don Lewin, its chairman and managing director. His son Clinton is operations director and the family has 56 per cent of the shares, even after allowing the holding to be diluted following last year's £6.4 million rights issue.

The family holding and the reluctance of the original institutional investors to relinquish stock has limited liquidity and restricted City exposure to company, which is probably reflected in the share price. At 273p, the shares trade at 12 times prospective earnings of 22.5p for the year to the end of next January.

The company this month reported annual pre-tax profits up from £3.44 million to £5.02 million, an increase of 46 per cent, quite an achievement for a retailer earning all its income on the high street. The company has 240 outlets, against 180 a year ago, and believes there is room for another 300, particularly in central London, and areas beyond its Southeast heartland.

The rights issue and seasonal cashflow have eliminated borrowings, so the balance sheet is under no strain, despite expansion, and further growth should be funded from existing resources. But Clinton has no ambitions to diversify into other retailing areas. The company places great emphasis on the distinction between its brand of specialist retailing and that of multi-purpose newsagents.

Although the card market is mature, expanding by just 4 per cent each year, Clinton believes specialist retailers can deliver better growth. One significant reason is that suppliers, because of competition, are happy to deliver cards direct to Clinton shops and bearthe distribution costs, while stock is maintained at low levels in individual shops.

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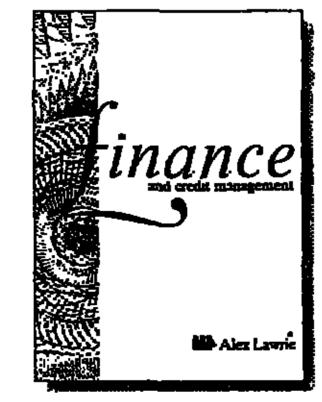

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CAPITAL MARKETS

WPP succeeds in limiting damage

WPP's problems are bad enough but they could have been much worse if the company had been foolish enough to include an investor put option on its 1989 £214 million issue of convertible preference shares.

As it is, the issue does not cause too many problems and is certainly preferable to debt. The shares can be converted between 1990 and 2009 but, with a theoretical yield of more than 30 per cent and a 50 per cent premium, that is unlikely for some years.

But imagine the mess if the full £214 million required refinancing in, say 1993, when a first put option date arrived. A repayment of that size would have rendered the debt restructuring all but impossible, making a Saatchi-style equity dilution one of a few very unpleasant alternatives.

To WPP's credit, it played for safety, choosing a straightforward domestic convertible preference issue, even though the generous 11 per cent yield was almost double that on the Saatchi issues. Everyone has benefited. Ordinary shareholders have avoided being diluted out of existence, preference holders have a higher coupon and the banks have a more securely financed company.

WPP has also shown more sense than some other companies in limiting the number of banks on its loan syndicate to a relatively frugal 30, thereby increasing the chances of a successful conclusion to the refinancing negotiations.

The completion of the deal means WPP's survival is secured for the medium term. Whether the new relationships between the various classes of capital prove stable in the long term is more difficult to judge.

In just under seven months, the preference shareholders will win voting rights when the dividend payment due on April 30 becomes more than half a year overdue. With 214 million preference shares in issue, against 43 million ordinary shares, the preference shareholders will control more than 80 per cent of the votes. It is difficult to see how this power will benefit preference holders, as it is the bankers calling the tune.

In addition, the preference shares are widely held, mainly by the same British institutions that would have invested in the ordinary shares. This means no single investor is likely to be able to, or want to, hold WPP to ransom if the improvement in its fortunes does not materialise. Once again, the comparison with Saatchi is favourable. Things could have been much worse.

JONATHAN PRYNN

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,783,000	ASB Barnett	23	..	..	..	..
21.1m	ASD	72	..	..	..	5.1
2,868,000	ATA Selection	18	..	3.3b	18.3	4.3
7,212,000	Aberdeen Pet	14	−1	..	..	28.0
3,600,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	30	+1	..	..	68.8
28.9m	Acal	195	..	6.6	3.4	10.8
9,299,000	Acorn Comp	14	−1	..	..	3.7
12.3m	Airsprung	134	−7	7.8	5.8	10.3
26.4m	Alan Paul	140	+1	4.1	2.9	14.0
2,198,000	Albrighton	40	..	..	..	2.2
29.2m	Allen	131	..	8.4	4.9	8.8
14.1m	Allied Ins	141	● +2	6.0	4.3	10.8
19.2m	Ald Leisure	110	● ..	5.7	5.2	7.9
155,000	Amberley Gp	24	−1	2.0	8.3	7.0
63.7m	Amer Bus Sys	189	+2	3.5	2.1	8.1
10.0m	Anglo Pac Res	13	−½	.. ●	..	..
5,836,000	Apollo Watch Prods	11½	..	0.7	6.1	6.3
25.4m	App Holographics	170	−6	..	..	..
27.4m	Ashtead	158	● +3	5.1	3.3	5.4
19.9m	Aspen Comms	153	..	10.8b	7.1	7.3
282.8m	Asprey	330	−3	5.8	1.8	17.8
1,385,000	Assoc Energy	5	−½	..	..	..
1,872,000	Assoc Farmers	204s	..	..	..	..
6,432,000	Assoc Nursing	118	● −3	4.0	3.4	13.7
2,633,000	Atlantic Sec	13	..	..	..	23.6
81.2m	Atlas Equipment	758	● −10	26.0	3.4	16.8
1,573,000	Audit General	4½	..	0.4	8.8	..
2,738,000	Automagic	48	● −3	1.9	4.0	12.9
2,070,000	BBB Design	25	..	2.8e	11.2	4.6
1,393,000	BCE	5	−2	..	..	..
8,797,000	BLP Group	23	..	0.4	1.7	7.4
8,890,000	BWD	50	● ..	2.3	4.6	17.2
3,881,000	Beaverco	44	..	.. ●	..	..
18.2m	Beckenham	41	+1	4.0	9.8	5.2
1,235,000	Berford (William)	26	..	.. ●	..	..
8,382,000	Bensons Crisps	114	● ..	3.7	3.2	9.1
4,087,000	Berry Birch & Noble	65	..	..	..	18.5
36.8m	Better Cons Prods	184	..	8.7	4.7	22.6
3,372,000	Bilston&Battersea	80	..	4.0	5.0	15.7
5,019,000	Bio Isolates	26	..	..	..	49.1
22.1m	Bioplan	15½	−½	..	..	..
2,380,000	Bletchley Motors	80	..	10.5	13.1	5.4
3,718,000	Bluebird Toys	47	−1	..	..	..
3,542,000	Border TV	35	+2	2.8	8.0	13.8
448.8m	Borland	£33½	−½	..	..	..
18.9m	Bosmore Intl	155	+11	8.5	5.4	7.7
2,165,000	Br Bloodstock	56	−3	..	..	7.2
2,751,000	Br Thornton	15	..	..	..	..
9,707,000	Brompton Hldgs	54	−3	4.0	7.4	11.3
19.2m	Bula Resources	4	..	..	..	80.0
14.0m	Business Tech	74	−2	5.3	7.2	4.5

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olls-Royce	Motors,Aircraft	
capa	Industrials S-Z	
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalisation and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 2. Dealings end April 12. §Contango day April 15. Settlement day April 22.
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248.9m	Provident	490	●−2	31.3	6.4	10.7
18.4m	Rea Bros	42	..	0.7	1.7	20.1
1,480.0m	Ryl Bk Scot	184	+6	11.2	5.8	9.1
416.8m	Schroders	833	●−6	18.7	2.3	18.0
919.8m	Stan Chart	383	●+21	28.7	8.8	30.2
2,271.0m	TSB	151	+2	8.5	5.8	12.4
108.3m	Union Disc	576	−3	48.7	8.1	22.3
880.7m	Warburg SG	447	+8	20.0	4.5	7.8
87.8m	Do 6% 'A'	149	+4	8.0	5.4	..
2,205.7m	Wells Fargo	£42⅞	●+⅛	..	..	..
2,080.0m	Westpac	177	−6	..	..	..
39.0m	Wintrust	350	..	11.9	3.4	9.5

BREWERIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
4,505.6m	Allied-Lyons	520	+6	23.4	4.5	10.9
3,439.9m	Bass	968	r +50	43.2	4.8	10.0
182.5m	Boddington	154	●−5	8.0	5.2	10.8
121.5m	Bulmer (H P)	283	−8	10.6	4.5	17.5
27.0m	Burtonwood Brew	130	−4	5.3	4.1	12.1
64.2m	Devenish (JA)	167	+17	7.1	4.3	12.8
1,206.0m	Fosters Brewing Gp	54	..	..	..	..
8,158.1m	Grand Met	821	●+18	27.2	3.3	14.8
387.7m	Greenall Wht	295	−3	13.3	4.0	12.9
176.3m	Greene King	419	..	13.6	3.2	15.0
5,280.5m	Guinness	917	●+22	25.0	2.7	14.4
38.5m	Hardys & Hansons	963	−12	44.7	4.8	11.8
336.9m	Highland Dist	271	+14	6.4	2.4	20.5
808.2m	Invergordon Dist	164	●+1	6.7	4.1	13.8
70.0m	Mansfield	445	−9	15.3	3.4	11.8
184.8m	Marston Thompson	210	+1	5.6	2.7	17.0
35.8m	Matthew Clark	394	●−5	18.0	4.6	13.7
48.8m	Morland	293	..	8.5	2.9	14.4
2,135.5m	SA Breweries	793	−15	..	..	..
1,505.2m	Scot & New	379	+5	18.2	4.8	13.8
312.3m	Vaux Grp	230	+4	11.7	5.1	11.9
2,019.8m	Whitbread 'A'	471	−13	20.4	4.3	13.1
221.9m	Do 'B'	£13⅞	..	20.4	1.5	37.3
325.5m	Wolvrhmptn & D	488	+3	12.4	2.5	14.1
12.4m	Young 'A'	429	−14	16.0	3.7	20.4

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
27.1m	Abbey	70	..	..●	..	..
371.4m	Amec	280	+9	13.5	5.2	12.0
21.8m	Anglia Sec	65	+1	..	..	..
4,850,000	Arncliffe	98	−2	9.0	9.7	2.4
457.7m	Attwoods	245	+13	8.5	2.7	21.3
938.6m	BPB Ind	227	−3	15.0	8.8	9.7
41.5m	Baggeridge Brick	105	+4	4.2	4.0	12.4
3,683,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	35	●−3	1.5	4.3	3.7
194.7m	Barratt Devs	108	●−4	12.0	11.1	11.4
511.3m	Beazer PLC	180	●+18	10.3	5.7	10.4
88.8m	Bellway	257	●−4	14.7	5.5	14.3
3,946,000	Bellwinch	12	..	..	..	..
148.6m	Berkeley Gp	345	+5	6.0	1.7	11.5
22.9m	Bett Bros	153	+4	8.5	5.6	11.8
27.7m	Blockleys	113	+3	6.4	5.7	8.1
1,492.4m	Blue Circle	269	−1	15.0	5.6	9.1
27.5m	Boot (Henry)	538	+8	29.3	5.4	12.4
28.9m	Breedon PLC	102	..	6.1	6.0	9.8
21.8m	Br Dredging	124	..	9.3	7.5	8.8
277.4m	Bryant	187	●−4	6.4	6.0	16.7
38.7m	CALA	104	● ..	4.5	4.3	13.7
730.8m	CRH	255	● ..	..	..	..
2,676,000	Cakebread Robey	51	−6	3.7	7.3	..
16.8m	Conder Grp	40	−8	1.1	2.8	2.4
395.8m	Costain	216	+13½	16.3	7.5	..
52.5m	Countryside	148	●+2	5.5	8.8	..
87.9m	Crest Nicholson	115	●−2	10.2	8.9	38.2
10.7m	Crosby James	98	● ..	3.0	3.1	4.2
21.8m	Dean & Bowes	119	+1	8.0	6.7	8.9
66.3m	Douglas (RM)	428	−2	14.0	3.3	8.9
22.7m	Edmond Hldgs	45	●−2	2.5	5.5	10.9
30.8m	Erith	78	−1	5.2	7.1	15.7
280.7m	Evered Bardon	111	+3	7.5	6.8	8.8
3,848,000	Finlan Gp	5	..	..	..	..
78.5m	Galliford	96	●−1	6.7	5.0	11.9
1,531,000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	88	..	..	..	..
77.5m	Gleeson (MJ)	775	+15	14.4	1.9	10.4
4,164,000	Graham Wood	106	−1	10.7	10.1	3.1
8,143,000	Harrison Ind	75	−7	8.5	11.3	5.0
170.5m	Hawden-Stuart	94	..	3.8	4.0	6.9
146.7m	Heywood Williams	274	r +2	16.7	6.1	11.2
122.1m	Higgs & Hill	358	+8	28.8	8.1	8.7
15.3m	How Gp	39	+1	4.8	12.3	7.9
5,022,000	Howard Hldgs	20	..	..	..	9.5
223.4m	Ibstock Johnsen	112	r ..	8.0	7.1	12.3
15.8m	Jarvis	86	+1	3.3	3.8	8.6
138.1m	Laing (J)	310	●−9	17.3	5.6	20.4
25.6m	Lawrence (Walter)	58	+1	10.0	18.9	3.5
84.1m	Lilley	52	−1	3.3	6.3	5.5
118.4m	Lovell (YJ)	203	..	11.9	5.9	12.1
58.4m	Manders	174	●−6	9.3	5.3	12.2
383.2m	Marley	130	●+7	8.5	6.5	37.1
90.3m	Marshalls	98	●−4	6.7	6.8	6.7
29.1m	Maunders (J)	120	●−2	6.6	5.5	8.8
112.1m	McAlpine (Alfred)	317	●+12	13.7	4.3	27.9
52.4m	McCarthy & S	103	−5	1.3	1.3	..
418.2m	Meyer Int	435	−9	22.0	5.2	10.3
315.4m	Mowlem (John)	365	+16	29.0	7.9	8.0
74.8m	NSM	32	+4	4.7	14.7	4.8
168.0m	Newman Tonks	164	+4	12.4	7.8	10.8
215.3m	Persimmon	276	r +7	11.5b	4.2	12.0
8,496,000	Phoenix Timber	45	..	1.7	3.8	17.4
10.1m	Pochins	29¼	● ..	32.0	3.3	5.6
29.8m	Prowting	195	−2	6.7	3.4	11.8
1,347.9m	RMC Gp	694	..	24.5	3.5	10.2
148.7m	Raine Ind	116	●−1	7.7	6.6	8.5
1,735.1m	Redland	617½	r +19½	33.3	5.4	12.1
482.3m	Rugby Group	170	●−7	8.6	5.1	11.4
20.1m	Sharpe & Fisher	98	+1	5.5	5.4	15.8
48.3m	Sheffield Insl	150	●+8	7.2	4.8	8.9
18.7m	Smart (J)	188	..	9.6	5.2	7.7
38.5m	Stamin	19½	..	..	..	..
608.3m	Steetley	390	●−5	18.7	4.8	11.2
1,894.1m	Tarmac	258	+8	15.0	5.8	8.2
33.7m	Tay Homes	154	●+2	6.4	4.2	5.9
878.3m	Taylor Woodrow	284	−6	12.7	4.8	15.7
147.2m	Tilbury Group	723	+20	44.0	6.1	10.3
243.7m	Travis Perkins	240	+4	10.7	4.5	14.6
11.8m	Try Group	58	●−4	8.0	14.3	8.5
5,433,000	Turriff	68	−10	20.0	29.4	1.6
52.0m	Vibroplant	113	−1	4.8	4.2	5.5
48.3m	Ward Group	193	+3	9.8	5.0	5.3
46.7m	Ward Hldgs	89	−5	3.5	3.9	..
88.5m	Watts Blake	404	..	12.4	3.1	15.5
8,473,000	Wiggins	41	..	..	..	..
277.0m	Wilson Bowden	415	r −6	11.1	2.7	14.5
358.5m	Wilson (Connolly)	199	+2	5.0	2.5	17.8
825.3m	Wimpey G	217	●−3	14.0	6.5	26.1
10.2m	YRM	78	..	6.7	8.6	5.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
412.0m	Allied Colloids	159	+2	4.3	2.7	15.4
198.8m	Amersham	370	+5	16.7	4.2	19.9
103.1m	Anglo Utd	41½	+4½	1.9	4.6	10.0
153.7m	BTP	200	+10	11.2	5.6	14.9
5,871.3m	Bayer DM50	£91⅞	+1½	..	..	..
88.3m	Blagden	191	●−3	12.7	6.6	9.7
83.0m	Brent Chems	154	●−4	9.9	6.4	11.0
38.5m	Caird Gp	65	●−3	5.2	8.0	33.0
43.2m	Canning (W)	154	●+8	9.7	6.3	12.1
255.5m	Croda	198	+7	14.7	7.4	11.3
183.9m	Ellis & Everard	205	+4	9.4	4.6	11.6
5,385,000	European Colour	18	..	0.9	5.0	18.5
87.9m	Evode	123	+6	8.6	7.0	16.0
30.4m	Halstead (James)	271	●−10	14.3	5.3	8.1
185.9m	Hickson	169	●+7	10.7	6.3	10.1
4,833.0m	Hoechst DM50	£83¼	+2¾	..	..	..
7,509.6m	Imp Chem Ind	£10½	● ..	73.3	6.9	12.8
1,010.4m	Laporte	591	●+7	23.7	4.1	13.1
214.5m	Leigh	335	+3	9.7	2.9	21.6
5,337.5m	Norsk Hydro	£18¾	−⅜	..	..	..
95.0m	Paterson Zoch	348	●+1	12.7	3.8	11.0
78.8m	Do 'A'	343	● ..	12.7	3.7	10.8
80.2m	Plysu	139	−1	5.1	3.7	16.1
1,081.0m	Rentokil	274	●−6	4.4	1.6	22.4
——	Sutcliffe Speakman	..	..	2.7f	..	..
92.3m	Takare	147	●−2	1.4	1.0	28.4
78.4m	Wardle Storeys plc	320	+1	20.0	6.3	11.0
17.1m	Wolstenholme Rink	270	●−10	21.7	8.0	8.9
81.1m	Yorkshire Chem	494	●+26	18.0	4.1	11.5
109.2m	Yule Catto	130	+1	6.1	4.7	9.4

DRAPERY, STORES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
159.4m	Alexon	568	+8	19.3	3.5	18.0
77.3m	Amber Day	84½	+2	2.7f	3.2	20.4
693.0m	Argos Plc	298	●+14	8.0	2.7	18.8
176.1m	Ashley (Laura)	75	+4	..	..	..
10.0m	Austin Reed	380	..	12.7	3.3	22.9
66.5m	Beattie (James) 'A'	145	−1	8.9	4.6	11.6
78.8m	Bentalls	184	−1	5.1	2.8	34.7
13.1m	Blacks Leis	64	+2	1.3	2.0	21.4
409.9m	Body Shop	270	+1	1.5	0.6	64.2
——	Bremner	..	..	1.5f	..	..
34.7m	Brown & Jackson	30	−3½	2.5	8.3	8.9
135.4m	Brown (N)	225	..	7.1	3.2	18.2
559.7m	Burton	102	+4	5.3	5.2	6.2
16.3m	Cantors 'A'	130	● ..	5.3	4.1	7.2
10.5m	Castet Plc	14	−½	..●	..	..
34.0m	Church	315	●−5	16.7	5.3	13.8
625.6m	Coats Viyella	157	+6	9.3	5.9	16.4
51.9m	Courts Furnishers	213	●+1	6.7	3.1	41.9
31.1m	DAKS Simpson 'A'	575	..	15.7	2.7	14.5
22.2m	Dewhirst (IJ)	24	−1	1.5	6.3	6.3
748.3m	Dixons Grp	195	+16	7.5	3.8	28.3
724.1m	Dunhill	429	+19	8.1	1.9	19.0
12.6m	ERA Gp	22	−1	..	..	9.0
9,000,000	Elys (Wimbledon)	750	..	20.0	2.7	15.6
51.3m	Empire Stores	130	−1	0.1e	0.1	..
97.3m	Etam	149	+2	5.4	3.8	9.5
214.9m	Fine Art Dev	272	+3	12.1	4.4	12.2
3,591,000	Fired Earth Tiles	63	●−10	5.4	8.6	7.4
9,625,000	Forminster	365	..	14.2	3.9	9.0
26.7m	Gent SR	74	●−2	4.0	5.4	9.3
11.1m	Goldsmiths Group	51	..	3.9	7.8	3.2
85.7m	GUS	£15⅝	..	47.3b	3.0	16.1
3,103.6m	Do 'A'	£15⅝	+⅛	47.3	3.7	12.3
57.4m	Hartstone	198	r +7	4.1	2.1	18.8
15.5m	Helene Plc	21½	..	2.7	12.8	5.1
91.0m	Hogg Robinson plc	132	−1	7.4	5.6	14.5
8,027,000	Hollas	15½	..	1.6	10.8	4.3
6,492,000	House Of Lerose	114	−1	13.7	12.0	9.5
16.1m	Jacques Vert	170	● ..	13.3	7.8	5.4
2,107.4m	Kingfisher	484	+32	16.3	3.4	11.5
26.4m	Leslie Wise Gp	78½	●+1	5.3	6.8	8.2
49.4m	Liberty	435	..	8.3	1.9	18.5
6,975.0m	Marks Spencer	257	+20	8.7	3.4	17.4
185.0m	Menzies (John)	353	−10	12.2	3.5	11.1
22.0m	Moss Bros	133	−1	6.7	5.0	15.7
101.4m	Next	27½	..	0.9	3.3	3.9
14.3m	Oliver (G)	185	−9	7.8	4.2	18.4
13.6m	Do 'A'	100	−5	7.8	7.8	8.8
177.9m	Pentos	138	+1	3.3	2.4	13.9
70.3m	QS Hldgs	179	+8	3.5	2.0	19.8
641.2m	Ratners Group	186	+10	13.2	7.1	7.0
11.8m	S & U Stores	120	..	8.7	7.3	8.4
94.5m	Scholl	182	+10	8.0	4.4	18.7
1,415.0m	Sears	94	+6	7.2	7.7	11.0
878.1m	Smith WH 'A'	394	+31	15.3	3.9	19.3
504.1m	Storehouse	123	+12	6.7	5.4	36.8
127.5m	T & S Stores	200	+14	6.7	3.4	14.8
10.2m	Tie Rack	30	−3	..●	..	20.1
82.7m	Time Products	159	+1	9.5	6.0	8.0
25.3m	Vivat	48	+1	..	..	..
81.0m	Wickes	62	r ..	1.0	1.6	..
5,948,000	Wilding Office	32	+1	2.4	7.5	..

ELECTRICALS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
39.8m	AB Elect	130	..	23.3	18.8	4.9
112.9m	ACT Group	120	+3	3.7	3.1	17.3
24.5m	Admiral	230	●−7	8.6	2.4	11.9
30.3m	Alba	82	● ..	8.8	7.1	12.0
4,904,000	Alphameric	4¾	..	..	..	..
447.0m	Amstrad	79	●+2	1.9	2.4	13.6
112.9m	ACT Group	120	+3	3.7	3.1	17.3
8,794,000	Arlen	22	−1	8.1e	38.2	13.5
83.0m	Astec	27	+2	0.7	2.8	25.5
291.1m	Auto Sec	288	+12	6.5	2.4	18.8
19.2m	Beales Hunter	385	−2	12.2	4.6	9.8
20.4m	Bennett & Fountain	23	..	..	..	..
1,280.4m	BICC	457	+11	25.7	5.6	12.5
46.8m	Blick	222	..	9.3	4.2	11.3
337.8m	Bowthorpe	225	+12	7.7b	3.4	14.1
22,418.0m	Br Telecom	365	+25	16.5	4.5	13.2
3,510,000	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13½	..	0.3e	2.2	18.9
5,628.0m	Cable Wireless	525	+2	14.1	2.7	17.7
78.8m	Cambridge Elec	179	●−7	14.5	8.1	11.2
35.7m	Chloride	15	−½	..●	..	27.3

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
21.3m	Computer People	155	+2	8.3	5.4	9.4
67.8m	Cray Elect	65	..	..	..	..
522.2m	Delta	405	●+5	18.7	4.6	11.3
53.5m	Domino	204	● ..	8.9	2.8	11.5
98.9m	Dowding & Mills	68	..	2.9	4.3	11.8
4,112,000	EMC	77	r +11	1.3	1.7	20.8
504.2m	Electrocomponents	246	+13	8.1	3.3	14.1
8,373,000	Elec Data Process	97	●+1	4.0	4.1	6.1
6,715,000	Electron House	26	● ..	2.8b	10.8	3.1
43.4m	Emess	41	● ..	4.7	11.5	4.6
114.4m	Eurotherm	264	●+5	9.4	3.6	14.0
280.4m	FKI	38	+3	5.3	9.0	5.5
272.8m	Farnell Elect	210	+11	6.9	3.3	14.8
121.8m	Ferranti	13	−1	..	..	..
10.9m	First Tech	71	+13	4.0	5.6	2.4
5,100,800	Forward Tech	15	+½	..	..	..
5,626.0m	GEC	204½	+6½	12.3	6.0	10.1
99.0m	Harland Simon	553	−2	8.7	1.5	15.0
344.1m	Hoskyns Gp	374	−1	3.2	0.9	22.4
36.6m	Jones Stroud	208	●−2	10.7	5.1	6.6
5,707,000	Kentrey	20	..	..	..	..
7,153,000	Kode	127	●−3	10.0	7.9	..
16.8m	Lec Refrigeration	276	+1	18.3	6.9	28.1
131.9m	Leica	63	−11	1.3	2.1	19.7
186.5m	Life Sciences	125	●+7	3.9	3.1	17.4
145.7m	Logica	239	●+18	4.6	1.9	21.1
62.2m	Macro 4	280	●+3	12.0	4.3	13.4
72.9m	Memec	254	●−4	9.3	3.5	14.4
78.1m	Microfilm Repro	143	●−2	4.3	3.0	15.8
184.2m	Micro Focus	£15⅛	+1½	..	..	38.2
64.4m	Microgen	163	●−7	9.3	5.7	12.2
58.2m	Millicom	£2⅝	−½	..	..	..
33.9m	Misys	109	r +3	7.0	6.4	4.7
60.8m	Mitel	77	−2	..	..	..
864.8m	Molex	218	+1⅜	..	..	..
13.0m	Molynx	123	+10	4.7	2.8	9.8
9,750,000	Multitone Elect	65	−4	2.8	3.5	16.5
3,264,000	Murray Elctr	52	..	..	..	..
5,189.7m	Nynex	£41⅛	●−¼	..	..	..
2,076,000	Newmark (Louis)	70	..	..	..	..
14.1m	Northamber	79	−1	3.3	4.2	5.8
14.2m	Oceonics	13	..	..	..	..
130.5m	Oxford Instruments	271	+3	5.4	2.0	14.7
29.6m	P-E International	179	+10	8.3	4.6	10.3
73.6m	P & P	135	●−7	5.7	4.2	7.1
71.1m	Peak	89	+1	4.5	6.5	10.8
9,288,000	Philips Fin 5¼%	272	−2	575b	8.0	..
2,423.1m	Philips Lamps N/V	£9⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
14.8m	Pilco	327	●+23	10.0	3.1	11.4
10.8m	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	307	●+37	10.0	3.3	..
15.6m	Pressac	65	●+2	3.2	3.4	9.8
11.8m	Quadrant	87	●+14	2.7	3.1	21.8
3,151.0m	Racal Elec	242	+28	5.0	2.1	24.4
4,100.0m	Racal Telecom	410	+48	5.7	1.4	34.5
70.5m	SD-Scicon	35	+3½	1.0	2.9	..
38.0m	Sage Gp	231	r −2	9.3	4.0	12.4
29.9m	Scantronic	84	..	4.0	4.8	7.1
49.9m	Scholes Grp	124	●−2	6.4	5.2	10.4
357.1m	Sema Gp	395	..	3.3	0.8	37.7
2,350,000	Sintrom	23	−2	1.1	4.8	3.9
1,803.8m	STC	320	..	15.0	4.7	10.1
18.5m	Telemetrix	22	●−1	0.8	3.6	9.2
2,224.4m	THORN EMI	750	+33	40.7	5.4	10.9
5,038,000	Touchstone	5	..	..●	..	..
24.9m	Tunstall	157	..	6.7	4.3	7.7
199.8m	Unitech	297	+22	15.8	5.3	20.0
32.2m	Utd Scientific	58	+1	2.7	4.7	..
40.3m	Volex	261	+1	22.7	8.7	8.3
3,497,000	Western Selection	24	..	1.3	5.4	..
46.8m	Wholesale Fittings	329	● ..	22.2	6.7	11.7

ELECTRICITY

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
425.2m	East Midlands	195	+18	20.1	10.3	8.5
465.7m	Eastern Elect	180	+15	19.3	10.7	8.7
407.7m	London Elect	187	+14	19.9	10.6	8.6
283.5m	Manweb	239	+15	21.3	8.9	7.1
391.8m	Midlands Elec	187	+14	20.1	10.7	8.1
248.1m	Northern Elec	200	+18	21.7	10.9	8.8
338.5m	Norweb	196	+10	20.8	10.6	..
235.8m	Seeboard	185	+14	18.7	10.6	7.0
280.7m	Sth Wales	257	+19½	21.3	8.3	7.8
238.2m	Sth Western	192	+11	20.3	10.6	8.5
504.8m	Southern Elec	187	+13	19.3	10.3	8.7
433.1m	Yorkshire Elec	209	+12	20.6	9.9	8.0
——	Package Unit	£1988	+£158			
1,851.0m	National Power	129½	−2	11.0	8.5	8.6
986.1m	PowerGen	127½	−1½	11.1	8.7	5.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
7,518.8m	American Express	£15⅞	−1	..	..	..
17.9m	Babcock Prebon	8	−1	3.8	45.0	..
390.8m	Electra	259	+5	8.1	3.1	27.4
144.2m	Henderson Admin	683	..	50.0	7.3	10.0
144.2m	Henderson Admin	683	..	50.0	7.3	10.0
249.4m	Invesco MIM	103	+3	8.0	7.8	19.7
387.0m	MAI	122	●−3	6.7	5.5	9.1
459.8m	MAM	668	+18	30.0	4.6	11.5
381.0m	M & G	503	+12	22.7	4.6	15.7
38.9m	Smith New Court	129	−6	4.7	3.6	5.2
25.0m	Tyndall Hldgs	45	+3	..	..	12.6

FINANCE, LAND

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
67.4m	Abingworth	330	..	2.0	0.6	..
17.9m	Aitken Hume	35	..	2.0	5.7	15.6
14.5m	Ass Henriques	2045	..	4.3f	..	..
47.8m	Baltic Plc	134	●+8	5.5	4.1	5.1
129.9m	Berkeley Govett	161	−3	..	..	..
6,341,000	Burns-Anderson	16	+½	..	..	..
47.5m	Camellia	£19	..	38.3	1.8	31.5
82.2m	Candover	280	●−3	11.3	4.0	27.5
372,000	Centreway	10	..	..	..	1.5
19.9m	Harvey&Thompson	344	−5	22.0●	6.4	7.8
4,082,800	IFICO	16	−1	..●	..	20.3
30.1m	Ivory & Sime	86	+1	7.7	8.0	19.8
5,464,000	LIT	9½	+½	..	..	..
144.7m	Nat Home Loans	140	+2	12.0	8.6	8.7
9,874,000	Newmarket	28	..	..	..	..
4,298,000	Parrish Plc	5	..	..	..	..
35.9m	Rutland Tst	15	● ..	1.1	7.3	8.3
20.9m	Silverdines Plc	65	..	..	..	..
109.8m	Singer & Fried	49	−1	3.3b	6.7	11.2
105.8m	Sotheby's	800	●−75	..	..	..
215.8m	SJP Capital	75	..	4.0	5.3	..
294.0m	Templeton Gbth	245	● ..	..	..	..

FOODS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,242.4m	AB Food	500	+27	15.2	3.0	11.9
1,580.0m	ASDA Group (xs)	133	+10	8.4	4.8	12.7
744.0m	Albert Fisher	125	+1	4.5	3.6	12.8
591,000	Alpine Group	3	r ..	..	..	..
17.2m	Appletree Hldgs	97	..	2.8	2.1	10.2
2,829.9m	Argyll	308	+20	10.2	3.3	18.9
166.0m	Ashley Group	118	+2	2.2	1.9	13.7
20.8m	Assoc Fisheries	131	+9	9.3	7.1	10.2
10.2m	Banks (Sidney C)	141	+8	10.7	7.6	7.2
42.2m	Barr (AG)	223	s −10	6.9	3.1	42.7
200.9m	Berisford Intl	41	+4	..	..	..
994.7m	Booker	473	●−7	28.3	6.0	11.3
19.6m	Borthwick	34	..	1.8	5.8	..
187.2m	Brake Bros	388	+19	7.0	1.9	16.9
——	Budgens	46	..	..	..	..
2,733.7m	Cadbury-Schwp	391½	●+7½	15.3	3.9	15.5
11.0m	Carrs Milling	182	−2	10.0	8.2	46.5
8,012,000	Clarke Fds	57	r −2	2.7	4.7	11.3
32.2m	Clifford Foods 'A'	229	●−8	14.7	6.4	8.7
8,721,000	Cullens	33	..	..	..	..
——	Dairy Farm Intl	90	+2	..	..	..
859.5m	Dalgety	382	●+6	24.2	6.3	11.0
5,976,000	Daniels S	72	..	1.7	2.4	..
66.9m	Finlay (James)	69	−1	5.5	8.0	7.7
260.5m	Fyffes	98	● ..	..	..	..
227.5m	Geest	328	+6	9.3	2.9	14.1
397.3m	Hazlewood Foods	189	+4	7.1	3.8	11.8
1,423.8m	Hillsdown	268	+18	10.7	4.0	10.4
16.0m	Hunter Saphir	65	r ..	6.7	10.3	7.4
287.9m	Iceland Frozen	334	●+9	9.8	2.9	11.5
15.8m	JLI Group	65	+1	5.4	8.4	10.8
887.7m	Kwik Save	575	+19	16.1	2.8	18.0
3,003,000	Lees (John J)	42	−3	2.7	6.4	13.4
175.9m	Low (Wm)	331	+5	10.3	3.1	10.1
112.8m	Matthews (Bernard)	90	●−3	6.0	6.7	11.3
26.2m	Merchant Retail	38	+1½	3.1	8.2	16.3
477.4m	Morrison (W)	252	●+11	2.1	0.8	18.4
40.4m	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	255	●+12	14.7	5.8	8.9
985.2m	Nthn Foods	434	..	17.7	4.1	14.8
225.1m	Nurdin & Peacock	184	+2	6.4	3.5	14.6
21.0m	Park Foods	205	+5	8.9	4.3	8.9
154.5m	Perkins Food	149	●−1	5.1	3.4	14.1
1,781,000	[illegible]	12	−1	0.3	2.5	5.2
1,180.2m	RHM	327	+9	17.0	5.2	12.0
5,738.0m	Sainsbury J	376	+31	8.6	2.3	20.1
600.2m	Salvesen (Chris)	211	+6	8.3	3.9	13.5
1,231.3m	Tate & Lyle	374	+38	13.3	3.6	11.7
2,171,000	Taverners	75	..	2.0	2.7	32.6
5,800.0m	Tesco	290	+38	7.1	2.4	15.8
114.4m	Thorntons	182	●+7	4.5	2.5	17.7
788.7m	Unigate	318	+13	20.4	6.4	12.1
1,725.8m	Utd Biscuits	368	● ..	19.2	4.9	13.2
14.4m	Usborne	22	+1	2.0	9.1	13.7
43.2m	Watson & Philip	273	+1	15.5	5.7	13.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
87.8m	City Centre Rest	47	+½	1.7	3.6	12.6
4,088,000	Copson PLC	35	..	..	..	..
35.0m	Friendly Hotels	305	+50	6.7	2.2	8.7
2,503.1m	Ladbroke	291	+1	14.2	4.9	10.9
10.2m	Principal Hotels	24	−2	..	..	..
888.8m	Queens Moat	100	+3	3.3b	3.3	13.3
31.7m	Resort Hotels	77	r +4	4.5	5.8	9.6
229.3m	Savoy Hotels 'A'	820	+5	9.3	1.1	27.8
149.4m	Stakis	55	●−3	3.6	6.5	13.3
2,169.3m	Trusthse Ft	276	+9	13.2	4.8	12.5

INDUSTRIALS A-D

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
29.2m	AAF Inv	170	●+2	11.0	8.5	8.3
251.8m	AAH	363	+13	18.5	5.1	12.1
6,740.0m	ADT	70	●−24	..	..	..
12.5m	AIM	94	●−15	7.5	8.0	9.2
14.1m	APG	18½	−2½	2.7	14.8	3.0
348.7m	APV	120	●+4	7.2	6.0	13.3
181.1m	ASW	275	●+7	16.7	8.1	7.4
82.4m	Adwest	97	●−3	9.3	9.6	8.8
18.8m	Aerospace Eng	48	−7	4.2	8.8	9.0
35.4m	Alexandra W'wear	184	−2	6.5	4.0	10.8
32.5m	Alumasc	252	●−5	12.5	4.8	10.8
12.5m	Amber Ind	320	..	21.5	6.7	8.3
972,000	Antares	1½	..	..	..	..
147.5m	Antofagasta	493	+23	19.0	3.9	8.5
9,792,000	Armour	98	● ..	1.6	5.0	6.3
35.1m	Ash & Lacy	128	+10	8.5	6.6	8.5
7,416,000	Ass Br Eng	3	..	0.1	3.3	10.7
60.8m	Avon Rubber	290	−9	22.0	7.5	9.4
7,400,000	Ayrshire Metal	74	● ..	3.7	6.0	8.7
357.0m	BBA	148	●−3	10.0	6.7	9.0
1,287.7m	BET	178	+6	17.7	10.2	7.0
297.8m	BM Gp	352	●−9	4.0	1.1	13.5
2,787.5m	BOC	593	+41	28.3	4.4	11.7
112.5m	BSG	54½	+½	4.3	7.9	12.7
88.7m	BSS Group	332	+7	23.0	6.9	7.1
7,262.0m	BTR	418	●+11	21.5	6.9	13.1
98.1m	BWI	263	+1	8.7	3.4	9.4
278.0m	Babcock	59	+½	4.0	8.8	10.9
4,396,000	Bailey (CH)	8	+¼	..	..	..
248.2m	Baird (Wm)	267	..	11.9f	4.5	11.1
1,283.2m	Barlow Rand	678	−5	..	..	..
44.1m	Barrett (H)	101	..	7.5	7.4	5.1
57.0m	Baynes (Charles)	58	r ..	1.8	2.9	16.0
13.8m	Beauford	148	●+8	8.1b	5.5	8.5
——	Benlox	..	..	0.8f	..	..
54.9m	Bespak	383	+13	9.9	2.5	18.9
180.0m	Bibby (J)	159	+4	13.0	7.5	8.1
1,428,000	Billam (J)	89	..	5.4	8.1	..
30.8m	Bimec Ind	61½	+½	1.5	2.5	18.8
13.2m	Birmingham Mint	83	..	8.7b	9.4	..
9,009,000	Black Arrow	37	−1	2.8	7.6	4.0
70.8m	Black (Peter)	130	● ..	3.8	2.9	9.7
68.9m	Bodycote	285	+2	11.0	4.2	10.2
3,732.0m	Boots	379	+21	15.0	4.0	15.7
3,380,000	Booth Inds	84	..	4.3	6.1	5.5
24.2m	Boustead	37	−1½	2.2	5.9	8.8
949.4m	Bowater	620	●+11	28.0b	4.5	12.0

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557.8m	Bowater Inc	£12½	..	..	..	..
19.9m	Braithwaite	140	+1	9.2	8.8	10.5
12.2m	Bramerly	18	..	1.0	6.3	7.2
65.6m	Brammer	225	+10	17.3	7.7	12.9
17.9m	Bridgend Gp	41	..	1.4	3.4	12.1
78.6m	Bridon	139	+5	10.7	7.7	9.7
6,510,000	Bridport-Gundry	65	..	5.1	7.8	33.2
6,778,000	Brierley Inv	35	●−1	..	..	..
4,286,000	Br Bldg & Eng App	365	..	1.7	0.5	47.2
51.3m	Br Polythene	280	−3	11.0	3.9	12.0
2,040.0m	Br Steel	147	+6	11.3	7.7	4.5
32.5m	Br Syphon	96	..	..●	..	..
454.4m	Br Vita	248	●+13	8.9	3.8	13.2
7,324.0m	Broken Hill	488	−7	..	..	..
52.7m	Bromsgrove Inds	142	+1	5.0	3.5	9.9
7,489,000	Brooks Tool	20	..	1.6	8.0	8.3
28.5m	Brown & Tawse	88	..	12.7	14.4	10.5
141.2m	Bullough	118	+2	8.1	6.9	6.3
25.0m	CI Group	29	−2	2.8	9.7	4.9
1,157.8m	CMB Pack	£14⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
13.9m	Cabra Est	14½	−½	0.1	0.7	8.4
18.1m	Campbell & Arm	91	+6	4.0	4.4	7.0
80.4m	Cannon St	106	+2	11.7	11.0	4.4
56.5m	Caparo Ind	60	..	5.1	8.5	8.2
124.8m	Cape	232	..	13.3	5.7	8.9
28.8m	Capita	214	●−1	6.0	2.8	15.8
55.9m	Cardo Eng	134	+1	9.7	7.2	9.1
22.5m	Castings	109	+3	4.8	4.4	8.4
11.4m	Celestion	48	..	1.8	3.5	12.3
11.4m	Central & Sheer	3½	−¼	0.1e	3.1	6.8
7,869,000	Chamberlin & Hill	107	+2	7.7	7.2	5.1
521.3m	Charter Cons	493	+13	26.7	5.4	10.3
20.2m	Chemring	570	+25	35.9	6.3	9.5
10.7m	Chillington	51	..	6.7	13.1	5.9
349.8m	Christies Int	224	●+5	11.1	5.0	15.5
22.4m	Clayhithe	131	−2	8.0	6.1	8.2
2,903,000	Clayton Son	143	+3	15.7	11.0	14.2
4,089,000	Cohen (A)	495	..	30.8	6.2	4.3
45.9m	Community Hospital	190	r +6	7.3	3.8	15.4
58.9m	Concentric	268	..	14.7	5.5	9.7
8,853,000	Cont Stationery	53	..	5.3	10.0	5.7
53.3m	Cook (Wm)	289	+6	17.3	6.4	5.6
473.2m	Cookson	130	r +2	8.0	6.2	10.5
52.6m	Cornwell Parker 'A'	142	●−2	7.3	5.1	9.9
18.5m	Cosalt	168	+2	14.3	8.5	7.3
1,842.3m	Courtaulds	414	+19	15.2	3.7	10.7
3,305,000	Courtney Pope	28	+5	..●	..	..
3,031,000	Cowan De Groot	12	−1	..	..	..
18.4m	Creston	36	r −1	2.7	7.5	4.0
694.6m	Dana	£16⅞	−½	..	..	..
4,973,000	Davies & Met 'A'	252	..	5.4	2.1	11.2
135.0m	Davis (Godfrey)	162	+1	10.6	6.5	9.2
163.7m	Davy	128	+8	..	..	6.5
518.3m	De La Rue	367	+2	17.7	4.8	15.8
2,081,000	Dinkie Heel	17	..	1.3	7.6	7.3
149.0m	Diploma	266	+6	11.3	4.2	12.4
96.9m	Dobson Park	79	+1	7.7	9.7	7.2
27.0m	Docus	55	●−1	4.7f	8.5	3.8
2,123,000	Dyson (J&J)	129	● ..	6.7	5.2	9.7
8,183,000	Do 'A'	68	● ..	6.7	9.9	5.1

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Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
931.1m	ECC Group	435	●+13	28.1	8.0	24.2
92.3m	EIS	325	+1	14.3	4.4	12.7
10.6m	Edbro	116	..	4.9	4.2	4.3
3,296,000	Elbief	28	● ..	0.9	3.6	29.5
19.2m	Eleco	65	●+1	8.3	12.8	17.0
1,572.8m	Electrolux (AB) 'B'	£22¼	+¼	..	..	..
43.4m	Elliott (B)	80	..	5.8	7.3	9.6
22.1m	Elswick	10¼	−¼	0.9	8.4	7.8
754.2m	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	£20¼	..	..	..	..
28.5m	Erskine Hse	62	+6	8.9	14.4	3.2
52.9m	Eurocopy	110	●+16	5.3	4.8	7.2
79.5m	Expamet	169	●−3	13.8	8.2	8.1
79.3m	Fairey Group	239	−4	11.0	4.6	8.7
69.5m	Fenner	142	+2	11.4	8.0	6.6
9,780,000	Fife Indmar	89	●−2	6.5	7.0	8.5
3,414.8m	Fisons	487	+31	10.0	2.0	18.9
93.8m	Fitzwilton	80	−3	..	..	..
3,011,000	Fenello C&W	91	+1	4.5	4.9	..
52.4m	Flogas	215	..	..	..	..
8,212,000	Fobel	18	..	0.1e	0.6	..
15.5m	Folkes Group N/V	54	+1	2.9	5.4	10.0
5,739,000	French (Thomas)	48	−1	4.8	10.0	..
41.9m	GEI Int	114	..	9.8	8.6	8.5
970.1m	GKN	375	● ..	27.3	7.3	10.4
14.6m	GR Hldgs	111	● ..	2.9	2.6	14.8
4,698,000	Garton Eng	123	..	9.3	7.6	7.2
230.4m	Gestetner	232	−1	10.8	4.7	5.8
12.4m	Gieves	91	−3	5.6	8.2	8.8
18,841.0m	Glaxo	£11¼	●+⅛	31.3	2.8	21.1
580.7m	Glynwed	278	+6	15.5	5.6	11.9
56.5m	Goode Durrant	105	−2	7.2	6.9	8.7
13.1m	Goring Kerr	173	..	20.0	11.6	7.3
114.8m	Grampian Hdg	169	●+3	6.7	4.0	12.1
572.8m	Granada	180	+7	18.4	8.6	8.4
8,213,000	Grovewood Sec	42	●−1	3.3f	7.9	6.5
124.8m	Haden MacLellan	143	+7	10.0	7.0	9.1
22.9m	Hall Eng	103	●−8	11.5	11.2	8.1
173.4m	Halma	168	+9	2.8	1.7	17.3
29.1m	Hampson Ind	48	+1	3.4	7.1	8.2
11,383.0m	Hanson	237	+8½	13.9	5.9	11.7
8,258,000	Harris (Philip)	103	..	7.7	7.5	10.1
1,070.0m	Harrison Crosfld	158	●+2	12.0	7.7	13.4
19.4m	Havelock Europa	122	..	3.3	2.7	78.7
1,131.2m	Hawker Siddly	571	−12	33.3	5.8	14.0
4,960,000	Hay (Norman)	33	..	1.5	4.5	8.2
694.2m	Hepworth	353	●−4	19.8	5.6	11.4
5,333,000	Hewitt (J)	158	● ..	3.3	2.1	27.2
15.3m	High-Point	310	● ..	10.0	3.2	9.4
2,733,000	Holmes Protection	4	..	..	..	..
52.0m	Hopkinsons	83	+3	4.9	5.9	10.2
70.7m	Howden	87	● ..	8.9	10.3	4.4
141.7m	Hunting	189	..	12.7	6.7	5.3
——	Hutchsn Whampoa	112	+1	..	..	..
795.7m	IMI	247	●+1	13.3	5.4	10.7
23.8m	ISA Intl	81	..	1.6	2.0	11.4
1,295.2m	Inchcape	344	+38	15.7	4.6	13.2
28.0m	Isotron	211	●+4	4.4	2.1	13.6
21.1m	JB Pathology	160	−5	7.3	4.6	8.3
1,848.1m	Jardine Math	258	−5	..	..	..
94.8m	Johnson Cleaners	493	●−12	34.3	7.0	8.5
619.0m	Johnson Matthey	338	+11	12.0	3.6	12.9
77.4m	Johnson & FB	59	+1½	4.0	7.1	8.8
29.1m	Johnston	278	+1	18.0	6.5	9.2
8,407,000	Jones & Shipman	69	+1	4.0	5.8	8.3
8,092,000	Jourdan (Thomas)	45	● ..	3.3	7.3	7.8
7,740,000	Kalamazoo	42	+½	1.3	3.1	11.4
61.7m	Kalon	52	●+3	2.0	3.8	15.5
15.1m	Kelsey Ind	493	+10	37.3	7.6	8.0
172.0m	Kershaw (A)	485	●+5	36.0	7.3	25.6
2,772,000	Kleen-EZe	44	..	..	..	..

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Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
222.1m	Laird	230	+10	13.1	5.7	7.9
2,241,000	Lawtex	55	+2	..	..	..
39.0m	Lee (Arthur)	117	+2	7.9	6.8	12.0
17.1m	Lilleshall	118	● ..	5.2	4.4	18.0
11.0m	Linread	92	● ..	7.6	8.3	8.3
34.7m	Linton Park	260	..	16.0	6.2	20.8
19.5m	Lionheart	19	+1	..	..	30.6
7,200,000	Locker (T)	24	..	2.1	8.8	5.4
441.8m	Lon Intl	265½	●+26½	12.3	4.6	14.6
1,667.0m	Lonrho	260	●+4	21.3	8.2	13.6
169.2m	Low & Bonar	218	●+3	12.1	5.6	11.1
750.3m	MB-Caradon	205	+4	11.3	5.5	13.5
199.8m	Mb Caradon 7 1-4 Pf	111	+3	8.7	8.7	..
42.1m	ML Hldgs	84	+1	4.6b	5.5	6.1
15.3m	MS Intl	58	+1	5.8	10.0	6.7
19.0m	MY Holdings	23	+1	..	..	..
43.9m	Macarthy	161	●−3	16.7	10.4	12.8
87.5m	Macfarlane	174	−10	5.4	3.1	13.7
625.1m	Manpower	72½	+1½	..	..	18.0
238.3m	McKechnie	301	+10	19.7	6.5	13.7
38.5m	McLeod Russel	81	..	7.7	9.5	9.7
5,622,000	Magnolia	98	+7	7.2	7.3	8.8
17.1m	Mang Bronze	104	+2	..●	..	5.4
28.1m	Marling	91	+1	5.6	6.2	6.5
157.4m	Medeva	120	..	..	..	..
124.8m	Meggitt	82	+5	4.8	5.8	7.9
51.7m	Metalrax	88	●−1	5.1	5.8	11.0
21.4m	Michael Page	38	●−1	2.4	6.7	7.6
26.6m	Midsiates	59	+1	1.0	1.7	30.6
3,699,000	Mining & Alld	13½	..	..	..	..
16.5m	Mitie Gp	165	+6	2.7e	1.6	15.7
93.4m	Molins	305	●+8	16.0	5.2	8.3
473.2m	Morgan Crble	380	+6	18.5	4.9	10.8
8,421,000	Neepsend	35	..	2.0	5.7	9.1
63.5m	Nestor-BNA	88	..	4.2	4.8	10.2
13.5m	Nobo Gp	129	+2	8.8	6.8	11.1
169.8m	Norcros	125	+11	14.9	11.9	7.6
31.2m	Norfolk Hse	61	..	..	..	..
169.3m	Nu-Swift	450	−38	21.3	4.7	11.2
1,715,000	Office Elect Mach	38	+3	0.1	0.4	..
91.1m	Optical & Med	70	+1	7.0	10.0	8.2
39.5m	PFG Hodgson	95	+2	4.3	4.5	11.9
268.2m	Pentland	89	−5	1.0	1.3	8.5
147.1m	Photo-Me	250	●+13	5.3	2.1	16.3
1,411.8m	Pilkington	189	+1	14.0	7.4	9.0
120.4m	Polypipe	178	r ..	4.8	2.7	13.7
221.9m	Portals	348	+7	17.3	5.0	11.0
46.9m	Porter Chadburn	77	● ..	3.0	3.9	8.7
151.7m	Powerscreen	180	+1	6.9	3.8	12.2
6,891,000	Prospect Inds	10½	●−½	0.3	2.9	14.8
232.0m	Proudfoot Alexander	385	+16	18.3	4.8	10.1
952,000	Radiant Metal	70	..	..	..	..
2,354.8m	Rank Org	784	●+34	41.3	5.4	14.8
82.4m	Ransomes	110	●+6	8.2	7.5	68.8
2,301.9m	Reckitt & Colman	£15⅞	●+⅞	45.3	2.9	15.2
11.4m	Reece	11½	−½	..	..	28.5
30.7m	Reed Executive	60	..	1.6	2.7	10.9
28.2m	Relyon	125	●−2	6.5	5.2	13.5
122.8m	Renishaw	254	●+1	6.9	2.7	13.2
46.3m	Renold	68	..	4.9	7.1	6.4
3,887.8m	Reuters	864	●+8	20.0	2.3	17.9
3,989,000	Rexmore	27½	● ..	3.0	10.9	7.7
31.8m	Ricardo Ind	101	● ..	7.6	7.5	7.9
7,288,000	Richards (Leics)	87	−1	5.5	6.3	8.4
11.1m	Richardson West	43	● ..	3.7	8.6	8.9
48.2m	Robertson	90	+24	4.4	4.9	19.9
61.6m	Robinson (Thomas)	59	●−5	5.3b	13.6	7.8
122.3m	Rockware	71	+5	3.5	4.9	16.0
8,881,000	Rolfe & Nolan	155	−5	6.4	4.1	12.4
9,024,000	Ropner	138	+5	10.7	7.8	8.2
20.3m	Do 'A'	130	+6	10.7	8.2	7.7
63.9m	Rotork	225	+2	12.0	5.3	14.0
20.2m	Russell (A)	88	..	2.9	3.3	20.4

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Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
647.4m	SKF 'B'	£10⅛	+¼	..	..	..
10.1m	Sale Tilney	37	..	..	..	..
12.1m	Sanderson Elect	140	..	7.2	5.1	5.4
36.4m	Savile Gordon (J)	36	● ..	2.9	8.1	..
284.3m	Scapa	164	+6	6.6	4.1	9.9
5,740,000	Scot Heritable	16	..	4.7b	29.4	1.2
39.8m	Securicor	738	●+6	2.8	0.4	57.2
485.7m	Do 'A'	558	●+29	2.8	0.5	24.7
33.1m	Securiguard	140	●+10	10.7	7.8	10.4
481.2m	Security Serv	439	●+21	5.4	1.2	22.3
111.8m	Senior Eng	59	+2½	3.8	6.4	9.7
33.9m	Seton Healthcare	168	..	1.1	0.7	14.5
4,735,000	Shiloh	82	−3	3.5	4.3	8.5
80.9m	Sidlaw	159	..	10.7	6.7	12.5
868.6m	Siebe	449	+28	20.7	4.6	7.8
55.8m	Silentnight	122	..	6.7	5.5	11.3
1,283.0m	Sime Darby	79	●−1	..	..	..
318.4m	Simon Eng	375	+2	20.9	5.6	11.2
48.6m	Sinclair (Wm)	252	..	8.5	3.4	15.1
21.6m	Six Hundred	40	+1	5.0	12.5	4.7
57.9m	Sketchley	100	−5	..●	..	..
1,328.3m	Smith & Neph	139	+4	5.8	4.4	14.5
5,368.3m	Smkld Beech	796	●+41	18.7	2.3	19.5
4,581.1m	Smkld Beech Uts	£34⅞	●+1⅞	..	..	..
855.4m	Smiths Ind	285	+11	13.2	4.6	11.1
97.8m	Sthn Bus	103	+8	3.4	3.3	8.7
12.5m	Spear (JW)	245	●−10	10.7	4.4	13.7
166.3m	Spirax-Sarco	285	●−4	11.6	5.1	10.8
382.5m	Spring Ram	212	+6	0.6	0.3	19.4
8,710,000	Stag Furniture	87	●+1	7.3	8.4	14.3
1,370,000	Star Comp	20	−3	..	..	..
180.1m	Staveley	192	+3	10.4	5.4	8.7
42.0m	Sterling Ind	158	..	8.9	4.6	19.2
5,800,000	Stonehill	29	+1	..	..	..
6,080,000	Stormgard	21	−1	..	..	4.7
135.1m	Suter	127	●−9	11.7	9.2	8.5
——	Swire Pacific 'A'	138	+3	..	..	..
8,985,000	Sycamore	23	+2	..	..	..
18.2m	Sylone	188	..	12.0	6.1	9.9
630.7m	T & N	189	+5	14.5	7.7	12.2
881.5m	TI	641	●+4	28.0	4.8	8.7
99.4m	TT Group	149	+20	8.7	4.8	10.0
14.0m	Tace	144	● ..	14.7	10.2	11.3
——	Takeda Chem BDR	274½	+1¼	..	..	..
29.0m	Telfos	91	+4	..	..	8.1
2,080,000	Tex Hldgs	47	−5	..●	..	2.4
1,280,000	Third Mile	2040	..	..	..	..
8,828,000	Thornton (GW)	100	−12	6.3	8.3	18.0
32.2m	TGH	100	+15	..	..	..

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878.9m	Tomkins	323	●+8	12.5	3.9	10.0
1,295.8m	Trafalgar H	255	+8	24.5	9.6	12.0
58.0m	Triplex Lloyd	130	+3	8.3	7.2	14.5
154.3m	Unichem	184	+7	8.8	3.7	12.1
30.8m	Unidare	240	● ..	..	..	..
8,269,000	Unigroup	29	..	..	..	33.3
5,157.5m	Unilever	786	●+4	24.2	3.2	..
7,882.0m	Unilever (NV)	£48¼	+¼	..	..	..
148.0m	VSEL	414	+4	30.0	7.2	9.6
53.8m	Verson	39	..	1.2	3.1	12.6
619.0m	Vickers	236	●−1	13.2	5.6	8.8
73.5m	Vinten	227	+15	8.3	3.7	11.5
3,388.5m	Volkswagen	£125½	+4	..	..	..
72.1m	Vosper Thorny	294	−1	13.7	5.9	9.2
7,655,000	WSP Hldgs	75	−3	3.9	5.2	7.4
130.8m	Wagon Ind	394	+4	22.1	5.6	10.3
61.0m	Walker, Greenbank	67	..	3.9	5.8	16.5
46.0m	Warner Howard	197	+1	6.3	3.2	13.9
82.5m	Wassall	160	●+2	3.3	2.1	13.4
252.5m	Weir	345	+5	12.4	3.6	12.0
4,636.9m	Wellcome	546	+34	8.7	1.6	24.0
10.2m	Wellson	37½	−½	2.9	7.7	4.3
1,477,000	Westerly	15	..	..●	..	3.5
——	[illegible]	6	..	..	..	..
98.1m	Whatman	448	+10	9.0	2.0	14.8
31.7m	Whessoe	171	..	8.3	4.9	7.8
45.9m	Whewey	67	+1	4.0	6.0	8.8
87.6m	Whitecroft	199	+2	20.0	10.1	6.1
4,962,000	Widney	9	..	..	..	..
29.0m	Wilkes (James)	154	●−8	13.3	8.6	6.9
7,728,000	Williams Gp	3½	..	..	..	4.1
869.2m	Williams Hldgs	201	●+6	16.0	5.5	12.9
1,029,000	Wills Gp	11	..	..	..	2.9
779.4m	Wolseley	366	+20	16.1	4.4	10.5
2,500,000	Wood (Arthur)	125	● ..	5.5	4.4	15.0
3,439,000	Wood (SW)	44	+6	..●	..	..
38.9m	Worcester	128	−8	5.4	4.2	13.8
3,104,000	Wyndham Eng	23	−24	..	..	0.5
422.8m	Yale & Valor	360	+2	13.4	3.7	11.2
7,867,000	Young (H)	50	..	8.0	16.0	56.8

INSURANCE

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
591.4m	Alex & Alex	£14½	−½	..	..	..
2,693.8m	Am Gen	£22⅝	..	..	..	..
27.7m	Archer (AJ)	120	+2	11.2	9.3	7.3
82.1m	Bradstock	180	s +1	6.0	3.8	18.5
525.8m	Britannic	844	●+40	33.7	4.0	20.2
2,342.1m	Com Union	539	●+30	30.7	5.7	..
90.7m	FAI	39	−1	..	..	..
2,508.1m	Gen Accident	579	+29	35.7	6.2	..
1,947.1m	GRE	214	●−2	15.9	7.4	..
262.3m	Heath C E	530	−2	34.6	6.5	15.7
122.2m	Hogg Gp	201	+1	10.7	5.3	12.2
2,281.5m	Legal & Gen	469	●+4	23.9	5.1	..
2,970.3m	Lloyds Abbey	431	●+8	22.7	5.3	..
107.4m	Lloyd Thompson	365	●−4	10.5	2.9	20.2
429.2m	London & Man	360	+15	17.6	4.9	25.8
3,463.8m	Marsh McLen	£47⅛	−1⅛	..	..	..
28.3m	PWS	94	●−1	4.7	5.0	9.4
4,567.0m	Prudential	245	●+6	13.7	5.6	40.8
344.7m	Refuge	676	●+4	35.7	5.3	25.3
2,243.4m	Royal	463	●+19	34.7	7.5	..
943.0m	Sedgwick Gp	271	●−3	16.0	5.9	28.1
107.1m	Steel Burrill	314	●−13	16.3	5.2	16.4
143.2m	Sturge Hldgs	295	●+2	22.0	7.7	7.4
3,121.1m	Sun Alliance	383	+15	18.7	4.8	..
839.2m	Sun Life	£12¼	● ..	63.5	5.1	..
103.0m	Trade Indemnity	93	..	2.5	2.7	..
1,331.2m	Willis Corroon	331	+20	17.6b	5.3	17.5
5,225,000	Windsor	16	−3	..	..	84.0

LEISURE

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
62.9m	Anglia TV 'A'	211	●−18	12.4	5.9	9.6
16.7m	Barr & WA 'A'	168	+5	13.0	7.7	7.4
23.1m	Boosey & Hawkes	590	+115	17.3	2.9	15.8
35.8m	Brent Walker	69	..	20.0	29.0	0.5
54.2m	Buckingham Intl	45	●−1	2.8	6.2	8.9
39.0m	Campari	285	●+17	14.7	5.2	7.8
132.9m	Capital Radio	198	..	7.0	3.5	13.2
577.3m	Carlton Comm	475	●+14	18.9	4.0	11.2
15.7m	Castle Comm	253	● ..	11.3	4.5	10.5
143.2m	Central TV	540	..	38.0	7.0	7.1
21.4m	Chrysalis	78	●+4	5.3	6.8	..
78.0m	Cityvision	54	−5	1.3	2.4	8.7
289.0m	Compass Gp	431	+22	13.8	3.2	15.0
1,811.8m	Euro Disney	£11⅞	+¼	..	..	..
43.3m	Euro Leisure	35	+2	2.3	6.6	4.2
366.0m	First Leisure	248	●−5	8.7	2.7	17.3
10.3m	Grampian	74	−1	4.7	6.4	7.5
36.4m	HTV Group	53	●−2	5.0	9.4	13.0
2,743,000	Hemburger Brooks	210	+15	..	..	..
87.0m	Kunick	47	+2½	2.7	5.7	9.4
82.7m	LWT CP	94	+1	5.3	5.6	..
56.7m	Marina Dev	342	−1	16.0	4.7	10.9
68.2m	Owners Abroad	75½	+3	3.9	5.2	8.3
1,973,000	The Pelican Gp	20	..	2.7	13.5	..
27.4m	Quadrant Group	87	−5	5.3	6.1	7.8
69.0m	Scot TV	604	+6	34.3	5.7	7.5
52.5m	Stanley Leisure	151	+13	6.2	4.1	9.3
8,722,000	Sunset & Vine	165	..	4.7	2.8	13.3
48.2m	TVS	78	−4	11.4	14.6	6.4
17.5m	TSW	80	● ..	9.4	11.8	6.5
148.3m	Thames TV	301	+1	21.3	7.1	8.1
9,268,000	Tottenham Hotspur	91	..	1.3	1.4	..
140.8m	TV-AM	212	..	16.0	7.5	9.2
29.4m	Tyne Tees TV	284	−1	25.3	8.9	8.6
15.3m	Ulster TV	146	+4	7.3	5.0	8.9
1,034,000	Video Store Gp	2001¼	..	..	..	..
78.0m	Wembley	66	+4	2.9	3.3	13.5
13.4m	Whitegate	45	●−7	2.0	4.4	18.2
105.0m	Yorkshire TV	298	−1	16.0	5.4	9.7
7,807,000	Zetters Gp	116	..	9.3	8.0	11.5

MINING

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
722.3m	Am Gold	£32⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
448.8m	Ang Amer Coal	£17⅞	+⅛	.. b	..	..
3,734.7m	Ang Am	£16⅝	−⅜	..	..	..
30.4m	Blyvoors	127	+5	..	..	..
4,340,000	Bracken	31	+5	..	..	..
70.8m	Buffels	£5⅝	..	..	..	..
17.7m	Butte	10	+1	..	..	78.9
2,873.7m	CRA	541	−22	..	..	..
24.8m	Cluff Res	53	●−2	1.3	2.5	21.8
4,077.8m	De Beers	£12¼	..	..	..	..
107.5m	Deelkraal	108	+3	..	..	..
3,400,000	Doornfontein	34	−2	..	..	..
584.0m	Driefontein	553	+19	..	..	..
——	DRX	5	−1	..	..	..
4,089,000	Durban	175	−5	..	..	..
27.1m	E Daggs	203	+9	..	..	..
316.9m	Elandsrand	328	+19	..	..	..
12.9m	Elsburg	43	−1	..	..	..
50.7m	E Rand Gold	122	+4	..	..	..
7,041,000	E Rand Prop	127	−24	..	..	..
——	FS Cons	333	+12	..	..	..
6,277,000	FSt Dev	38	+2	..●	..	..
909.4m	GFSA	£11⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
4,089,000	Geevor	12	+½	..	..	..
2,211.0m	Gencor	186	−11	..	..	..
——	GM Kalgoorli	23	−½	..	..	..
17.2m	Greenwich Res 'A'	25	+1	..	..	..
5,033,000	Grootvlei	44	−2	..	..	..
82.2m	Harmony	306	−11	..	..	..
323.8m	Hartes	289	+7	..	..	..
126.5m	Kinross	27	+¼	..	..	..
120.6m	Kloof	399	s +17	..	..	..
8,320,000	Leslie	52	−1	..	..	..
2,480,000	Libanon	31	s −1	..	..	..
14.4m	Loraine	38	−3	..	..	..
1,076.0m	MIM	82	−2	..	..	..
——	Minorco	777	−25	..	..	..
611.8m	Nth Broken Hill	103	+3	..	..	..
——	Orange Free	£8⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
5,619.2m	RTZ	568	●+8	26.0	4.8	11.1
180.7m	Rand Mines Ltd	£12⅛	−⅛	..	..	..
26.4m	Rand Mines prop	213	−12	..	..	..
9,680,000	Randfontein	158	−6	..	..	..
322.4m	Renison	278	..	..	..	..
1,468.5m	Rustenburg	£11⅞	−⅜	26.0	2.2	88.4
38.8m	St Helena	381	−5	..	..	..
379.4m	Southvaal	£14½	..	..	..	..
8,099,000	Stilfontein	82	−17	..	..	..
38.9m	Unisel	139	−5	..	..	..
583.8m	Vaal Reefs	£30⅝	+1¼	..	..	..
1,465,000	Venterspost	29	−1	..	..	..
58.1m	Welkom	221	−1	..	..	..
27.0m	Western Areas	87	−2	..	..	..
378.8m	Western Deep	£14¾	..	..	..	..
2,016.8m	Western Mining	220	●−1	..	..	..
84.4m	Winkels	£9⅝	−⅛	..	..	..
20.8m	Zambia Copper	17	..	..●	..	..
7,161,000	Zandpan	55	+6	..	..	..

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
44.4m	Appleyard	96	●−5	10.4	10.9	10.9
1,701.7m	Br Aerospace	657	●+43	33.3	5.1	6.0
12.0m	Caffyns	363	..	15.3	4.2	..
68.9m	Cowie (T)	78	● ..	4.9	6.3	10.6
17.8m	Dag Motors	105	..	7.3	7.0	7.3
11.6m	Davenport Vernon	88	..	5.3	6.0	9.0
469.8m	Dowty	180	+13	12.1	8.4	9.3
14.9m	ERF	153	..	6.7	4.4	9.4
139.7m	FR Group	180	+6	8.5	4.7	8.6
8,280.0m	Ford Motor	£17⅞	−1⅛	..	..	..
——	General Motor	108	−3	..	..	..
5,889.5m	Honda Motor	604	−5	..	..	..
4,762,000	Jacks (Wm)	44	..	..●	..	28.4
4,758,000	Jessups	58	..	9.3	18.8	9.5
174.8m	Kwik-Fit	108	..	3.7	3.4	10.0
197.9m	Lex Service	212	●−13	20.4	9.6	..
19.3m	Lookers	101	●+2	6.5	8.2	7.1
1,138.8m	Lucas	164	●+3	8.3	5.7	8.2
28.2m	Pendragon	131	+4	7.2	5.5	8.1
31.9m	Perry Gp	171	+3	12.0	7.0	9.9
21.9m	Plaxton Group	58	● ..	6.0b	10.3	6.4
9,365,000	Quicks Group	58	−4	8.0	13.8	3.0
1,614.5m	Rolls-Royce	168	●+6	9.7	5.8	12.1
23.0m	Trinoco	19	..	1.9	10.0	5.5
120.3m	Westland	141	+1	6.0	3.5	12.8

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,570,000	Adscene	45	●−2	2.0	4.4	10.3
61.7m	BPP	305	● ..	8.4	2.8	18.8
27.7m	Barbour Index	169	● ..	8.3	4.9	12.7
6,220,000	Black (A&C)	500	..	17.3	3.5	16.0
194.3m	Blenheim Gp	778	+2	26.7	3.4	13.3
42.6m	Bristol	261	+1	15.3	5.9	13.2
299.0m	Daily Mail	£53¼	+⅛	146.	2.7	16.3
245.4m	Daily Mail 'A'	£49½	+¼	146.	3.0	14.1
328.1m	EMAP	240	+7	8.9	3.7	18.2
71.0m	Euromoney Pub	353	..	24.7	7.0	12.5
16.5m	Gardner (DC)	104	−18	6.0	5.8	8.8
13.5m	Haynes Publishing	134	● ..	2.9	2.2	8.8
19.0m	Home Counties	190	..	11.0	5.8	8.8
3,422,000	Intl Bus Comm	2¼	−1	4.0	..	0.1
110.4m	Independent	305	r −10	..	..	..
51.4m	Johnstone Press	198	●−2	6.7	3.4	11.9
1,194.4m	Maxwell Comm	184	+11	20.7	11.3	23.1
——	News Corp	400	+18	..	..	..
289.1m	News Intl	164	+8	5.8	3.5	..
2,075.5m	Pearson	765	−5	31.0	4.1	11.4
31.1m	Portsmouth Sund	260	..	11.0	4.2	8.7
2,603.4m	Reed Int	451	+13	19.2	4.3	13.5
10.4m	Southnews	69	..	3.2	4.6	8.2
1,578,000	Sumner Int	15	..	1.3b	8.7	9.5
4,221.9m	Thomson Corp	795	−20	..	..	..
141.3m	Trinity Intl	262	●+3	10.7	4.2	11.7
722.5m	Utd Newspapers	367	+10	28.0	7.8	11.5

OILS, GAS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
91.1m	Aran Energy	36	−1	..	..	..
10.2m	Atlantic Resources	4¼	−¼	..	..	..
——	Aus Oil & Gas	43	+2	..	..	..
31.0m	Aviva Pet	12	..	..	..	..
14.6m	Blystad	18½	−½	..●	..	5.0
38.1m	Br Borneo	635	●+10	38.4	4.5	8.8
10,951.0m	British Gas	257	+19	14.7	5.7	12.3
17,998.0m	Br Petroleum	335	●+1	21.4	6.4	10.5
1,112.4m	Burmah Castrol	611	+27	30.7	6.0	17.8
45.6m	Cairn Energy	108	−9	..	..	24.0
381.5m	Calor Gp	227	+14	16.0	7.0	14.5
5,468,000	Carpell Oil	13	..	..	..	..
38.7m	Century	125	−1	8.0	8.4	..
433.2m	Clyde Pet	185	●−3	1.7	1.3	32.9
2,613.2m	Enterprise	573	●−15	20.0	3.5	16.7

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
39.5m	Exp Comp Louisiana	45	−2	..	..	..
126.8m	Goal Pet	94½	●+½	1.8	1.8	22.3
98.4m	Gt Western Res	108	−6	5.5	5.1	..
585.5m	Hamilton	222½	●−⅜	..	..	..
146.8m	Hardy O & G	209	+8	..	..	20.5
13.3m	Kelt Energy	4½	..	..	..	..
1,254.8m	LASMO	350	●−4	11.3	3.2	18.0
9,584,000	Do Units	183	●−17	34.8	21.3	..
241.3m	Monument	38¼	+¼	..	..	25.8
15.3m	New London	15	..	..	..	..
18.0m	Nth Sea Assets	35½	+1	..	..	10.9
——	Oil Search	25	..	..	..	..
11.0m	Petrocon	38	..	1.8	4.7	8.5
——	Petrox	9	+1	..	..	..
231.1m	Premier	49	..	..	..	28.7
71.5m	Presidio	305	+35	..	..	..
372.8m	Ranger	364	●−1	..	..	..
23,721.2m	Royal Dutch Fl5	£44¼	−½	..	..	..
16,177.0m	Shell	488	● ..	20.8	5.6	12.3
85.8m	Sovereign	132½	−1½	..	..	..
——	Target Res	4	..	..	..	..
91.5m	Triton Europe	111	+2	1.0	0.9	78.0
1,224.4m	Ultramar	331	●+14	14.0	4.2	10.3
873.3m	Woodside	131	..	..	..	..

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
22.8m	API	108	+3	9.0	8.3	18.8
37.2m	Abbott Mead	269	●+8	10.4	3.9	11.2
5,913,000	Acsis Group	4½	+½	0.5	11.1	1.7
8,561,000	Addison Cons	12¼	..	..●	..	..
200.2m	Aegis Gp	242	+17	7.8	3.2	8.5
21.5m	BNB Res	102	●+3	8.1	8.0	7.0
31.2m	Bemrose	190	●−7	15.7	8.3	8.4
8,863,000	Birkdale	51	..	..	..	14.2
400.0m	Bunzl	98	● ..	7.9	8.1	12.7
13.6m	CIA Gp	118	●+7	4.3	3.6	10.1
12.3m	Cropper (James)	152	..	3.7	2.4	13.8
4,238,000	Delyn Packaging	50	..	1.9	3.8	10.1
80.5m	Ferguson Intl	249	+1	16.7	6.7	10.8
3,989,000	Fitch-RS	60	+24	2.0	3.3	[illegible]
4,690,000	Geers Gross	31	+2½	2.7	8.7	7.3
20.3m	Gold Greenlees	121	●+7	11.1	9.2	3.9
5,799,000	Goodhead	37	●−1	2.1	5.7	3.0
36.2m	Hunterprint	24	+1	..	..	..
18.4m	Lopex	78	+5	6.3	6.8	8.5
61.1m	More O'Ferrall	239	● ..	17.6	7.4	9.6
29.1m	NMC Group	74	+1	4.7	6.4	7.3
5,111,000	Olives Hldgs	70	−3	12.0	17.1	3.3
18.3m	Quarto	120	+16	6.5	5.4	6.7
232.7m	St Ives Gp	238	+2	6.7	2.8	13.2
32.8m	Saatchi 10p	20½	r +4¼	..	..	..
82.0m	Shandwick	99	+8	4.7	4.7	6.3
285.2m	Smith David	378	+35	12.3	3.3	14.1
1,210.0m	Smurfit (Jeff)	375	+10	..	..	..
4,638,000	Usher Walker	218	..	14.7	6.7	6.4
3,362,000	VPI Gp	8	..	2.1e	28.3	6.8
89.5m	WPP	207	+59	..	..	2.7
189.5m	Wace	281	+1	10.7	3.8	11.5
147.5m	Waddington (J)	186	+3	10.6	5.6	14.6
108.5m	Watmoughs	420	●+15	13.7	3.3	12.9
3,951,000	Waveney Cam	8½	..	..●	..	77.3
1,893.0m	Wiggins Teape Apltn	234	+10	11.1	4.7	10.9

PROPERTY

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
63.8m	Allied Lon	92	..	4.7	5.1	30.3
7,628,000	Arcadian	65	−3	..	..	..
57.7m	Asda	103	+4	2.3	2.2	20.3
13.5m	BBH Group	37	..	2.7	7.3	8.7
7,382,000	Baker Harris	58	..	2.7	4.7	16.1
178.0m	Bilton (P)	408	+18	22.2	5.4	21.1
4,155,000	Bourne End	50	..	4.0	8.0	5.6
193.1m	Bradford	135	+1	4.5	3.3	16.2
29.3m	Bredero	80	..	3.2	4.0	18.8
698.5m	Br Land	309	+24	9.5	3.1	21.9
286.8m	Brixton	174	+9	8.6	4.9	19.1
51.8m	Burford	44	..	1.1	2.5	29.3
454.9m	Cap & Counties	345	●+11	17.6	5.1	14.0
7,227,000	Cardiff Prop	280	..	3.2	1.1	63.3
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2,303,000	De Morgan	13	+3	..	..	8.5
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7,269,000	Egerton Trust	17	+1	..●	..	0.7
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33.5m	Helical Bar	204	+15	13.3	6.5	5.1
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2,274,000	Lon & Metro	4	−¼	..●	..	0.2
11.2m	Lon Securities	14½	−½	..	..	8.8
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47.8m	Markheath	39	+1	8.0	20.5	4.0
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2,028,000	Shield	21	..	..	..	..
4,091,000	Sinclair Goldsmith	38	● ..	2.7	7.1	4.4
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5,677,000	Bolton Gp	62	..	..	..	..
17.5m	Br Mohair	132	●−6	11.3	8.6	10.4
44.7m	CRT Gp	99	−2	2.0e	2.0	..
375.5m	Courtauld Textiles	373	●+9	16.5	4.4	12.1
258.0m	Dawson	174	+8	12.0	6.9	9.8
3,083,000	Drummond	28½	−1	1.6	5.8	14.5
5,288,000	Foster (John)	47	..	..●	..	5.6
8,017,000	Gaskell	165	+7	11.3	6.8	10.2
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29.8m	Leeds	280	+3	12.3	4.4	11.5
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3,995,000	Lyles (S)	55	..	5.4	9.8	7.4
4,947,000	Parkland 'A'	87	..	6.1	7.0	3.8
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963,000	SEET	24	+8	..	..	..
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348.7m	Caledonia	378	+6	16.7	4.4	14.6
44.3m	Clarkson (H)	208	+8	10.7	5.2	10.1
10.5m	Davies & Newman	150	−5	..●	..	..
4,303.8m	Eurotunnel Units	498	+15	..	..	..
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24.1m	Fisher (James)	101	●−7	7.3	7.2	11.1
8,000,000	Graig	100	+2	3.3	3.3	5.1
509.1m	Hays	136	●+6	4.9	3.6	14.2
10.2m	Jacobs (JI)	47	−1	3.9	8.3	12.9
205.8m	Lep	149	−5	8.3	5.6	10.1
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1,092.3m	North West	307	+25	21.0	6.8	6.7
1,018.5m	Severn Trent	288	+12	19.8	6.9	6.0
442.0m	Sthn Water	270	+2	20.0	7.4	5.8
385.7m	South West	300	..	23.2	7.7	4.8
1,183.3m	Thames Water	308	+18	21.4	6.9	7.8
504.2m	Welsh Water	350	+19	22.4	6.4	5.7
391.9m	Wessex Water	382	+27	20.3	5.3	7.3
541.7m	Yorkshire Water	326	+13	20.6	6.3	7.0
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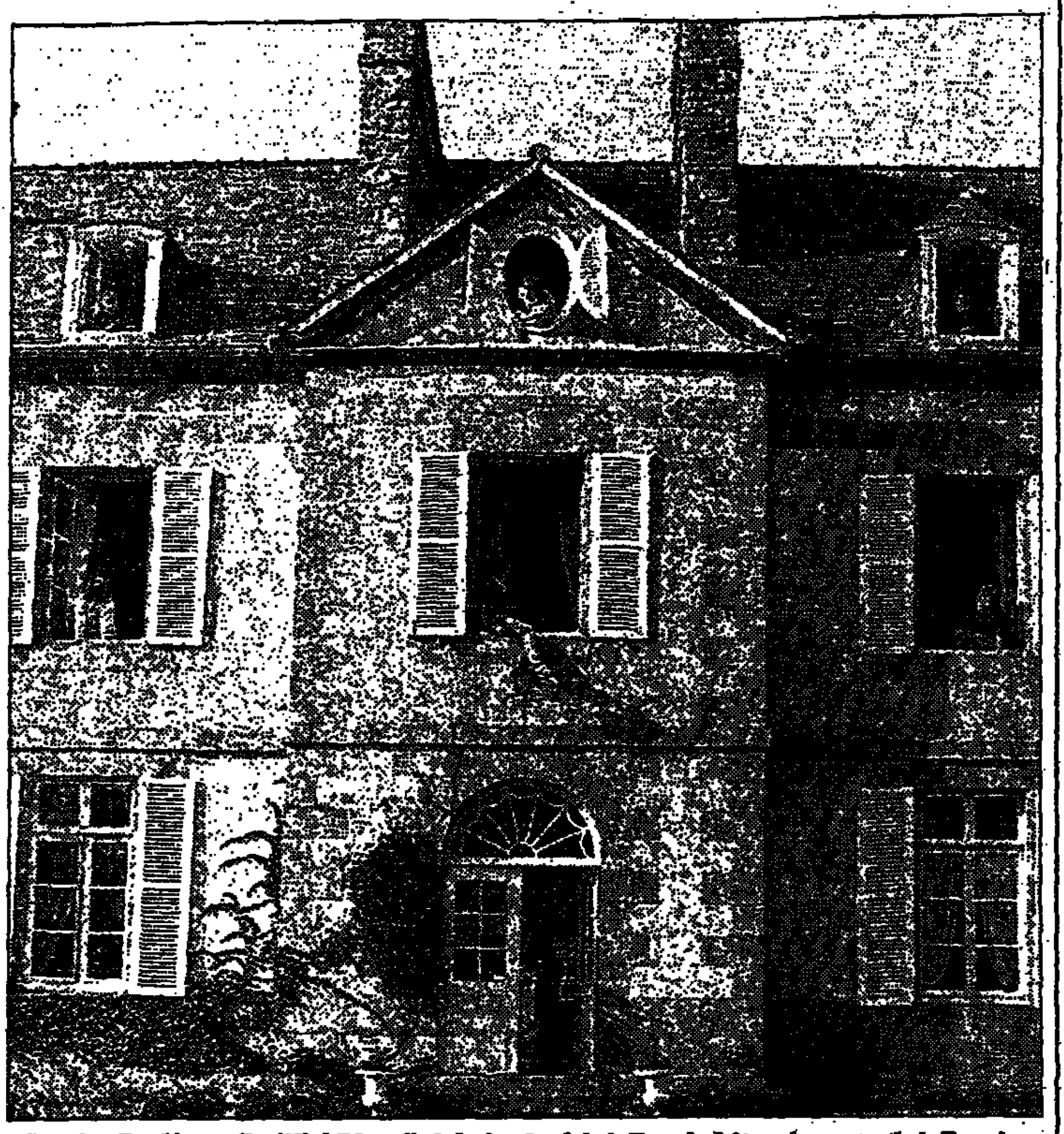
A welcome in the château

A Welsh school has bought a castle in Brittany to give its pupils first-hand experience of the culture and history of France.

Iola Smith reports on a language-study first



Enjoying *l'ambiance*: Cardiff children find the locale of their French château improves their French

Château La Vicomte at Pledeliac in Brittany, the picturesque ancestral home of the Rousse-la-Cordaire family, is also one of the noisiest in the area, ringing to the sound of French, often with a Welsh accent. The residents are from New College, a Cardiff independent co-educational school and the first school in Britain to meet the challenge of 1992 by buying a château in France and converting it to a European study centre.

William Hoole, the principal, says: "We want all our pupils to become fluent French-speakers familiar with the culture and history of France. That cannot be achieved during a fortnight's holiday in a hotel, but it can be gained through years of living in a French community."

In 1989, Mr Hoole found Château La Vicomte, built in 1830 and on the market for £300,000. As an independent day school with 400 pupils and £1,200-a-term fees, New College could afford the asking price, and the first Welsh pupils visited the château a year ago. The school now sends small groups of pupils to La Vicomte over 24 weeks of the year.

"For example," Mr Hoole says, "each year group spends at least a week on an intensive language course, and researches a project on a Breton town. This year, the fourth-formers are compiling a French journal on St Malo, while our fifth-formers are looking at the history, architecture and transport system of Rennes.

"Pupils spend one day at a local school, where they have to follow the curriculum in French. After these visits, they keep in contact with their new French friends by inviting them back to the château for sports and barbecues, as well as by letter."

This link with four Breton high schools, including the Ecole Sacré Coeur at neighbouring Lamballe, is the key to the language project's success, Mr Hoole says. "Our pupils are motivated to learn French in order to communicate with their friends and, most important of all, by visiting their homes they gain an insight into how the French live and think."

The Bretons gain a similar experience when they come to stay with the families of New College pupils in Cardiff. A French television programme praised the relationship as "the ideal way of bringing two communities and cultures together".

The villagers also profit from the venture; many now work at the château, and local shops provide all the school's supplies.

The château, as well as being the ideal venue for language lessons, is a valuable resource for other subjects. Sixth-form biology students are due in Pledeliac for a field visit this month, and the school's chemists will spend a week there revising for an A-level examination.

Student geographers use the woodlands and coastlines of Brittany as GCSE material, and historians relive the events of the second world war on the Normandy beaches, or investigate Angers, Richard the Lionheart's home city. Both are an hour's drive from the château.

In the final week of the summer holiday, 17-year-olds considering higher education are in France receiving intensive career counselling and obtaining help with university and course selection.

One of the greatest differences between British and French schools is the amount of time devoted in this country to extra-curricular activities.

School sports were unknown to the Bretons until New College put up rugby posts on a village field, started windsurfing on the lake and established an orienteering course in the forest.

Local pupils now join the Welsh in rugby and football matches, and spend summer days playing croquet and boules on the château's eight-acre lawn. Those who want to relive the lifestyle of La Vicomte's former owners can saddle up the pony and trap and travel the Breton countryside.

Nick Merrett, aged 18, says: "I dropped French after GCSE, but I used the language during my four visits to the château. I have made many friends in the village, and write regularly to them.

"Staying in France has given me a new perspective on European history. Familiarity with another culture is bound to help at university because I would have to spend a term on the Continent during my degree course."

Gavin McDonnell, aged 19, also expects to work on the Continent during his communication-studies degree course in October. "Being in France has introduced me to a totally different way of life," he says. "Pledeliac lies at the heart of an agricultural community, whose values are very different from the city life of Cardiff."

Having come to New College from Monmouth comprehensive, he finds the château experience a far better introduction to a new culture than the twinning arrangements Monmouth had with Carbonne. "That was little more than a fortnight's holiday," he says. "But at the château we really have to work and by being so closely integrated into the community, we pick up the French that the locals speak, which is often very different from the formal language taught in British classrooms."

For Demelza Grosse, aged 17, La Vicomte is a setting for intensive study free of distractions.

"Our English group spent a whole week studying Shakespeare, reading and discussing our set texts," she says. "Although the work is concentrated, it takes place in such a relaxing environment that we do not feel pressurised."

When not in use by New College, the building is offered to parents and teachers for family holidays, to other British schools, and to a travel company for activity breaks.

French is compulsory for all New College pupils until GCSE, and in the sixth form, pupils who are not studying the language for A-level must take a course in conversational French. Mr Hoole says: "Languages are becoming increasingly essential, so we are insisting that all pupils will have to become fluent in French by the time they leave. We emphasise also the importance of Welsh, Spanish, Italian, Japanese and German, and we hope that soon we will have a property in Austria so our pupils can become equally conversant with German. We have close connections with Viennese schools. Some Viennese students have already met our pupils at the château.

"Although we have been in France for only a year, the project is a success, thanks to the support and generosity of the people of Pledeliac. We are sure the Austrians would give us a similar welcome if we opened a study centre in Vienna."

The mother in a class of her own

Every school recognises, and dreads, the vexatious parent — verbose, attention seeking and relentlessly impractical

A VEXATIOUS litigant is somebody who wastes the courts' time by suing right, left and centre for no good reason. Similarly, the vexatious parent pesters the school with all manner of hare-brained, impractical schemes.

Within a couple of weeks of the child's enrolment, or even before it, the vexatious parent, abbreviated to VP, is known to everybody from the head to the caretaker's cat. The mere mention of the family name elicits loud groans in the staff room. The worst afflicted is the hapless secretary, who has to fend off or relay rambling telephone calls of mind-bending complexity.

For the vexatious are full of unworkable innovations. To be fair, school personnel could put these ideas into practice, provided they first gave up their normal duties. The hard floor of the gym might indeed be covered by a bouncy castle for the infants, if only limitless funds and time were available. For some reason, the obsessive mother tends to be a woman who was born beyond these shores, or has spent some years abroad. She has had the benefit of tertiary education and is not in paid employment. White rice has never touched her lips nor fitted carpet her floor.

> *'She asks why the children cannot have mixed swimming lessons in the nude'*

As to her brood, she is less interested in academic progress, which is taken for granted, than in the ability to play an inordinate variety of musical instruments.

A family of four children is the most popular size. This enables the VP to distribute her offspring to be educated simultaneously to the north, south, east and west of the home.

Thus she affects, or rather disaffects, staff over a much wider area. She does not quarter the angst but generates four times as much of it. While most schools may be said to have a catchment area of addresses, the VP's home has a catchment area of schools.

This, of course, entitles the parent to run for office on the committees and boards of all four schools. In spite of canvassing more energetically than any other candidate, the VP has little prospect of success. The other parents are so heartily sick of her that she comes bottom of the poll.

The VP's craving for attention finds expression early on in the choice of unusual names for her children. In the quest for something suitably arresting, no page in history, geography, mythology, botany or literature is left unturned. Even the depths of the Victorian below-stairs are plumbed in the attempt to dredge up the Ethels, Berthas, Joes and Alfs. The children's way of rebelling against all this is by growing up into as delightfully ordinary Osrics, Thymes, Aggies and Odos as one could hope to meet.

During this process of growth, their teachers and heads are regularly and mercilessly harassed. Parents' days are traumatic enough, but more of a nightmare are the endless appointments with nit-picking parental verbosity. Staff eventually arrange to meet Mrs VP at 8.45am, in order to be rid of her as soon after the 9am bell as she takes the hint.

Fellow parents are not immune. Many a public meeting is on the point of conclusion when the vexatious one is on her feet wondering why the children cannot cook school meals or whether mixed swimming lessons might not be taken in the nude.

When the courts reach the end of their tether, the vexatious litigant is branded as such, and a career ends. So, too, that day must dawn when the VP's youngest child leaves school. That child's records, or rather hefty dossier of correspondence, will tell more about parent than child.

The mother must now find fresh fields of endeavour into which to channel her considerable energies. Local politics beckon, but the human dynamo sometimes nurses aspirations of joining the ranks of the teaching profession. Everybody hopes she does not, for while her intellect is not in doubt, her common sense is non-existent.

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o book: cash limits may restrict numbers of students

Student cash funds the numbers game

Without more government money, the rise in higher education places will slow. Fees-only students may be the answer, **John O'Leary** reports

This autumn may be a watershed in the development of higher education. Last week's announcement of another change in university funding ensures that if student numbers continue their recent spectacular growth, it will be because of local initiative, not central planning.

Higher education will continue to grow for some time, if at a slower pace, but the national plans for universities, polytechnics and colleges will become increasingly irrelevant. The institutions are being encouraged to exceed the targets set by their funding councils.

The Universities Funding Council (UFC) has already decided to restrict the number of places it funds after 1991-2 unless the higher education budget is increased. Although there is no sign of student demand slackening, the increase will be only 2.4 per cent in 1992-3, compared with 7.4 per cent next year. The 7,300 extra undergraduate places will go to the universities that enrol the most students for whom they receive only fees.

The polytechnics already have 27,500 such students. The directors, faced with plans for 17 per cent more students this autumn at further reduced rates, fear they may have overstretched themselves. Both the institutions and the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council (PCFC) are almost certain to be more cautious with future recruitment targets. Neither sector is satisfied with the 1991-2 prospects. The vice-chancellors are seeking extra money to enable them to offer more than 6 per cent in the university lecturers' annual pay negotiations and the polytechnic directors want a meeting with their funding council to press for changes in financing.

Whichever party wins the next election, the distinction between universities and other institutions will become increasingly blurred. The two funding councils, which are soon to share a building on the Bristol polytechnic campus, have already agreed to work together more closely. Labour is committed to merging the two and the Conservatives are likely to do the same. For the moment, however, contrasting policies for a number of years, culminating in quite different arrangements for 1991-2, have left them as far apart as ever.

In the seven years following the universities' big budget cuts of 1981, funding levels remained almost constant, thanks to the determination of the UFC's predecessors to hold down student numbers to preserve quality. During the same period in the polytechnics and colleges, a commitment to providing as many higher education places as possible meant that funding per student dropped by more than 20 per cent.

Although the universities have now joined the rush to expand, registering their biggest increase in student numbers for 25 years, the polytechnics and colleges are still setting the pace. The PCFC's decision to turn a 12.4 budget rise into 17.4 per cent more places this autumn compares with a 7 per cent increase in university places for 9 per cent more money.

> *'The only way for an institution to cover its costs is to ask its funding council for still greater expansion'*

The UFC calculates that universities will have to make "efficiency gains" of 1.5 per cent to provide for the additional students on the money they are given for teaching rather than research. The polytechnic directors estimate that their equivalent saving will have to be 10 per cent.

Government changes in tuition fees introduced this year and last have created uncertainty. To provide incentives for more cost-effective expansion and create a system shaped by the demand for places, fees were doubled and the amounts distributed by the funding councils reduced accordingly. It became an economic proposition to fill any marginal capacity with more students.

The policy has been spectacularly successful, as the 27,500 extra polytechnic students testify. Some universities also have large numbers of "fees-only" students, although none has approached the proportions at some polytechnics and colleges.

The new fees were not intended to cover the whole cost of educating a student, however, so recruitment on such a scale is a gamble. Except on certain business courses, which carry full-cost fees, the only way for an institution to cover its costs is to ask its funding council for still greater expansion.

When the council's response is to sanction further expansion but to cut funding levels, there is a danger of creating a vicious circle. The polytechnic directors said last week: "The result of this system is that funds available per student have fallen far more rapidly than expected by the PCFC, or the Treasury."

The PCFC is confident that its institutions can cope with another big increase in enrolments. The UFC, however, has been less ready to accept the feasibility or desirability of expansion on the scale sought by most universities. Few have been offered anything approaching the 20 per cent growth they wanted.

Even this autumn's relatively modest increase in university places will slow to a trickle in future years unless there is more money for higher education, or the universities themselves take the lead by enrolling more "fees-only" students.

By rewarding those taking this action, the UFC will avoid the charge of limiting access to higher education while preserving the universities' higher funding in the run-up to probable union with the polytechnic sector.

As yet, the inspectorate has found no link between tighter funding and falling standards, although a recent survey of polytechnic and college chemistry courses by the Council for National Academic Awards gave cause for concern.

The polytechnic directors argue that the real effects of underfunding will not be felt for three to four years, by which time the system may be unified.

NOTICEBOARD

Battling the school bully

VICTIMS, bullies, their parents and teachers must combine to combat bullying, which is still widespread in the country's schools, according to a new booklet published this week.

Michelle Elliott, of Kidscape, an organisation set up to protect children's rights, says that pupils who are bullied can become embittered and unhappy, and that bullies also face a miserable future. "No child deserves to be bullied," she says. "Children worried about being bullied have a hard time concentrating on learning. Children who are bullies are seldom our best pupils and the effects of bullying can go on for years."

Tell-tale signs of a child who is being bullied may be fear of walking to and from school, a fall in standard of work, coming home regularly with damaged clothes or books, becoming withdrawn or starting to stammer and becoming distressed or stopping eating.

The booklet is available free from Kidscape, World Trade Centre, London E1 9AA.

Right vocation

A SCHOOL in Newcastle has become one of the first to introduce a vocational study course run by the Business and Technicians Education Council, after a call from the government that schools should provide high quality training alongside traditional studies.

The two-year national diploma course in social care will start at Longbenton Community High School in September.

There is already a social services day centre at the school and *John Burn, the headmaster*, says: "It is a unique example of how a school with the right facilities can offer high standards of vocational training."

East meets West

FOUR Romanian teachers arrived in London yesterday for a two-week stay as the guests of Taunton School, Somerset, after a visit to their school by Taunton's headmaster, Barry Sutton, last autumn. They will visit London, Oxford and Warwick during their stay.

Mr Sutton says conditions at the visiting teachers' school, which is in Transylvania, are *difficult*, with *large classes* and little equipment. He says: "It is hard for us to understand what it must have been like teaching under the old regime, where certain subjects were not allowed."

Fair outlook

RECRUITMENT fairs attracted 42,321 graduates in 12 British cities last year, compared with 15,237 in 1985, according to the Graduate Employment Service. It also reports a fall in the number of employers at the fairs: 491 in 1990, against 507 in 1989.

Debatable point

OBSERVERS at the National Union of Teachers (NUT) debate on the Gulf war, in which the West was accused of the destruction of Iraq and causing tens of thousands of deaths with carpet bombing, could not help noticing there was not one word of condemnation of Saddam Hussein. He was not mentioned.

Delegates were prevented from discussing all the political implications of the war because it was outside the aims and policies of the NUT.

Testing teacher

BRITISH teachers who think they are alone in facing criticism of their methods and training can take some comfort from a new international report which says that teachers throughout the world are facing new demands.

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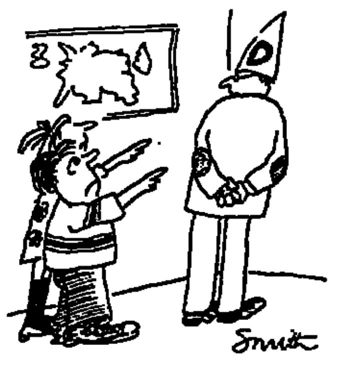

Alan Wagner, of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, says that teacher training courses have been changed to improve the quality of graduates, selection has been tightened and classroom training extended. Sweden, Ireland, Japan, Belgium and Spain all insist on a greater emphasis being given to the teaching of classroom skills.

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Hodgkinson's memorial to broken hearts

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By David Hands
BY CORRESPONDENT

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e was the excellence of d's try, which gave them l with only ten minutes remaining. And there was Harriman's lethal strike in extra time. But, above all, the display of the Nottingham forwards against their much-fancied rivals.

No player encapsulated their efforts more than Rees, who demonstrated exactly why he remains in the international reckoning.

Wherever Harlequins attacked he was there, clawing down their big men, making ball available on the ground (which is doubtless why Skinner gave him the dig with a foot which earned Hodgkinson that penalty chance), carrying the game to Harlequins at every opportunity.

Alongside him, his colleagues never wilted. The lineout, upon which Alan Davies, their coach, has worked for the last month, shared the honours, although nobody was quite as dependable as Ackford.

The scrum held up admirably against seven internationals, of whom Moore, formerly of Nottingham, played the last half-hour in a daze after a reverberating drive by Rees.

Behind them, Potter twice carved huge holes in the defence and his tackling, and that of Jones, gave Halliday no scope at all. Amid the raw nerve-ends, however, Pears remained notably cool.

It was a good day for the Harlequins stand-off half, who kicked into the wind the penalty which levelled the score at 15-15 and whose poise with the ball in hand improved as the match wore on.

Harlequins might have regretted their decision to keep the ball tight playing into the wind; once Harriman was given a sniff of possession — in extra time — he was able to round his man with ease.

In the first quarter, Harlequins scored 12 points as everything that the unfortunate Gregory tried turned to dust. Kicks were charged down, restarts went out on the full and nearly 25 minutes had gone before Nottingham had a sight of the opposing 22.

But Hodgkinson's first penalty made the half-time difference only 12-3; he kicked a second and Gregory nudged over a wobbly dropped goal before Nottingham camped on the Harlequins line.

In retrospect, they should have made more of that pressure than they did. At full time, they lost Byrom, and Harlequins, quite deliberately, ran the ball at Roche, his replacement, who was still finding his way into the match.

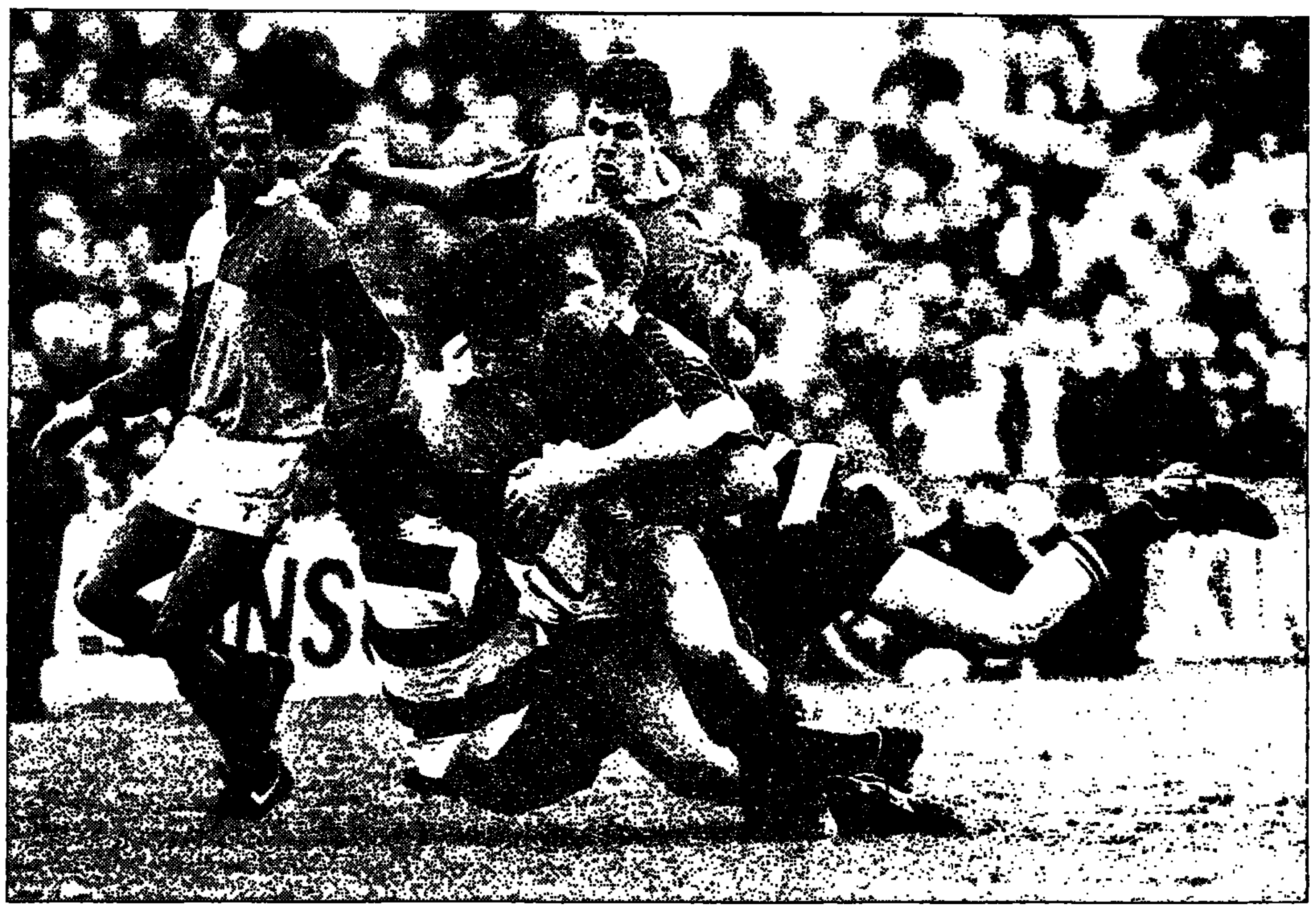
The South African missed Harriman, who chipped perfectly and collected the bounce which, for all the exchange of penalties which followed, won the match. Heartbreak, indeed.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Glenister, Harriman. Conversion: Pears. Penalty goals: Pears (4). Nottingham: Try: Kilford. Conversion: Hodgkinson. Penalty goals: Hodgkinson (3). Dropped goal: Gregory.

HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; A Harriman, G Thompson, S Halliday, E Davis; D Pears, R Glenister; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Skinner, T Coker, P Ackford, P Winterbottom, R Langhorn.

NOTTINGHAM: S Hodgkinson; W Kilford, C Jones, S Potter, R Byrom (rep: J Roche); G Gregory, B Gabriel; M Freer, J Hudson, D Ward, P Cook, C Gray, D Hindmarch, G Rees, M Greenwood.

Referee: F Howard (Liverpool).



No escape: Langhorn, of Harlequins, finds the Nottingham defence unyielding, as his side's try-scorers, Glenister, right, and Harriman, loom

Buck stops here for wary Saints

Northampton	18
Orrell	10

By Bryan Stiles

A KNOT of anxious supporters gathered outside the Northampton dressing room to plead with Wayne Shelford after he had inspired their team to a famous victory on Saturday, which carried them into the final of the Pilkington Cup for the first time.

The problem for the Saints and their supporters is that the former All Blacks captain will miss the cup final against Harlequins at Twickenham next month because he is flying home to take part in the New Zealand trials to try to win back his place in the national team.

The worried Northampton supporters *declared they would* raise the £1,600 themselves to fly him back for the final, but "Buck" just smiled his gratitude and shook his head. He wants to be in the All Blacks team to defend the World Cup in the autumn.

Uppermost in his admirers' thoughts was that the arrival of Shelford at Franklins Gardens had transformed a team that slipped to an embarrassing 60-0 defeat at Orrell last October.

Shelford contributed mightily to a game that exhibited few frills but plenty of raw commitment by the packs. He led most of the charges and rolling mauls that put the much-vaunted Orrell forwards out of their stride. Kimmins and Cusani, who produce much of the power that fuels Orrell's success, simply could not get going.

Etheridge, Rodber and Hall more than matched them in the lineout and loose, and the momentum the Saints' pack produced ensured that they had the majority of scrum put-ins.

Northampton used the stiff breeze to better advantage, with Steele, their goal kicker, providing a much more potent weapon of punishment than the wayward Strett. Steele found the target four times in the first half to Strett's twice.

Strett, who seems to lose his touch on the big occasion, twice sent the ball straight into touch from a kick-off. One of those mistakes led to a scrum where Orrell were penalised and Steele scored from half-way.

Ainscough took over the kicking duties in the second half but fared no better and Orrell resorted to tapped penalties, which proved ineffective against a defence as tigerish as Northampton's. Steele landed two more penalties, while Orrell had to make do with an uncoverted try from Heslop, the England wing, in injury time.

Back in the dressing room Shelford gave the cup final pep-talk a month early, confirming he would not be at Twickenham but telling Northampton they had the maturity and self-belief to win the cup without him. Others had clearly not acquired that kind of self-belief — there was not a drop of champagne around to celebrate one of the biggest wins in the club's history.

SCORERS: Northampton: Penalty goals: Steele (6). Orrell: Try: Heslop. Penalty goals: Strett (2).

NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; F Packman, J Thame, P Moss, H Thorneycroft; J Steele, R Nancekivell; G Baldwin, J Olver, G Pearce, T Rodber, J Etheridge, C Hall, P Pask, W Shelford.

ORRELL: S Taberner; N Heslop, S Langford, G Ainscough, P Halsall; M Strett, D Morris; M Hynes, N Hitchen, S Southern, D Cleary, R Kimmins, D Cusani, N Ashurst, S Bibby.

Referee: V Griffiths.

Swansea hushed by Huish and co

Pontypool	28
Swansea	10

By Gerald Davies

PONTYPOOL picked themselves up by the bootstraps yesterday and reached the Schweppes Cup final for the first time since 1983. When these teams met in the Heineken League four months ago, Pontypool allowed Swansea to score 12 tries against them.

In an uncompromising forward tussle, Pontypool secured their place in the final by winning by two goals, a try and three penalties to a try and two penalties.

Amid their celebrations, they might care to admit that the score flattered them, although they are unlikely to ponder too long on the matter.

John Perkins, their coach, sang the praises of his captain, Chris Huish. "We've come good due to the strong leadership of this man, who has led by example and which the other players have followed in their commitment to the club."

Huish and, particularly, Oswald held Pontypool together when, as Perkins admitted, the game seemed to be drifting away from them. Both back rows showed immense presence in the critical middle phase of the game.

Entering the final quarter, Pontypool were still two points adrift. But, as so often in a match, one incident can swing irreversibly in the one direction.

Yesterday it swung around Clement who, in the 27th minute, failed to notice that he was marginally outside the 22-metre line as he kicked for touch. The lineout was called back and, with Goodey succeeding, Phillips dropped a perfect goal from 40 metres, giving Pontypool the lead for the first time.

It had been anybody's game until then, but there was no such uncertainty thereafter. With both teams attempting to overcome the other by forceful means at forward, the first of yesterday's two cup semi-final matches was a contest played relentlessly, but mostly untidily, at forward.

If Swansea were able to push Pontypool in the scrum to get the first score, Pontypool reciprocated at the end to get the last one; Goodey's lineout ball was matched, though less surely, by Moriarty and the driving play of Huish found its image in Webster.

Nothing much was ventured elsewhere as both packs were happy to lock horns. Webster's try and Price's penalty gave Swansea the lead at half-time against Parry's two penalties.

Price and Parry exchanged penalties after the interval before Phillips's crucial dropped goal. Swansea's game suddenly loosened. The influential Oswald at No. 8 arranged for Jonathan to score on the blind side and then, with his quick release from another scrum, helped the scrum half to fashion a try for his centre, Lewis.

In between, as if to emphasise Swansea's raggedness, Hopkins's attempted kick was charged down, only to stick in McGauchie's hands and for the centre to run in for his try from the halfway line. Parry converted two of these tries.

Scorers: Pontypool: Tries: C Jonathan, S McGauchie, R Lewis. Conversions: A Parry (2). Penalty goals: A Parry (3). Swansea: Try: R Webster. Penalty goals: K Price (2).

PONTYPOOL: A Parry; S White, R Lewis, S McGauchie, S Hanson; D Phillips, C Jonathan; A Dibble, G Jenkins, L Mustoe, C Huish, N Jones, R Goodey, V Davies, D Oswald.

SWANSEA: A Clement; M Titley, K Hopkins, S Parfitt, B Taylor; K Price, R Jones; D Joseph, W James, K Colclough, R Webster, R Moriarty, P Arnold, A Reynolds, S Davies.

Referee: C Norling (WRU).

Quinnell shows power and skill

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Michael Stevenson

NISHING power and re shown by the son of a father when Scott ll scored four tries as his on by four goals and two a penalty at Fylde on ty.

nell, who played for Schools last year, has ed and matured amaz- His first try followed a scramble on the Eng- ne. Jason Williams fed and slipped the ball for the try.

second followed a good tackle by Ketteringham oung. Scrum followed and Quinnell was over ith a typical No. 8's try. Williams converted both ales, having faced the wind, led 12-3 at the l.

Slick handling by Hopkins and Proctor put Wintle in on the resumption and a phalanx of Welsh forwards drove Barry Williams over the line but Quinnell refused to be upstaged for long. He touched down two more close-range tries, carrying several Englishmen over the line with him for the second.

SCORERS: England: Penalty goal: Ketteringham. Wales: Tries: Quinnell (4), Wintle, B Williams. Conversions: J Williams (4).

ENGLAND COLTS: D Ketteringham (Northampton); J Sleightholme (Hull Ionians), S Thompson (Oxford OBs), P McCarthy (Northampton), M White (Bristol); A Handley (De la Salle), M Olsen (Salisbury); P Ledeon (Orrell), D Eveleigh (Crediton), R Merritt (Bromsgrove), D Bourne (Lichfield), M Wright (Loughborough University), M Howells (Wolverhampton), D McKinnon (Durham City), L Dallaglio (Wasps).

WELSH YOUTH: J Hopkins (Ystradgynlais); C Young (Trebanos), M Wintle (Cornelly), L Davies (Senghenydd), W Proctor (Cardigan); J Williams (Abertillery), D Weatherley (Waunarlwydd); R Jones (Newcastle Emlyn), B Williams (Llandovery), R Jons (Narberth), A Gibbs (Crumlin), G Taylor (Pontypool), P Jones (Bridgend Athletic), B Jons (Pontypridd), S Quinnell (Llanelli).

Referee: D Lamont (Ireland).

Barnes brings title nearer

Gloucester	15
Bath	17

By Peter Bills

GLOUCESTER huffed and puffed but were held at bay, mainly by the outstanding qualities of two key players who pulled Bath through to the victory which all but assures them of the Courage Clubs Championship.

Three points from their last two games, home to Rosslyn Park and away to Saracens, will suffice but there will surely be no slips now. Bath knew this was the key match and Stuart Barnes and Jonathan Webb ensured they would win it, just.

Barnes, mud-splattered from frequent crunching collisions, brought his side through with a performance which vividly underlined the folly of the England selectors' decision to omit him from the summer tour.

He chose the correct options on a dreadful day of wind and rain, keeping the ball ahead of his forwards and yet retaining an eye for the kind of openings Gloucester never discovered.

He began the move which brought the first try by his powerful blind-side attack. Webb finished off that move and promptly scored another try within three minutes, after Fallon's wonderful pick-up of a heavy, greasy ball. Webb, who was also rock solid under Hamlin's constant barrage of high kicks, showed Gloucester the value of getting the full back into the line.

The 23 penalties Bath conceded helped Gloucester sustain their pressure. But it was obvious they would only win if their forwards managed a try. When, with only one score between the sides, Gloucester opted to kick for goal from a penalty four yards out, it was revealing confession of their own inadequacies.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Try: Hannaford. Conversion: T Smith. Penalty goals: T Smith (3). Bath: Tries: Webb (2), Chilcott. Conversion: Webb. Penalty goal: Webb.

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; N Marment (rep: L Beck), J Perrins, D Caskie, N Price; M Hamlin, M Hannaford; P Jones, K Dunn, R Phillips, M Teague, N Scrivens, D Sims, I Smith, P Miles.

BATH: J Webb; A Swift, J Guscott, P De Glanville, J Fallon; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, M Crane, J Hall (rep: M Lee), N Redman, M Haag, A Robinson, D Egerton.

Referee: D J Leslie (Manchester Society).

England find it tough

ENGLAND, one of the favourites for the first women's World Cup, struggled to a 12-0 win in their opening game in Wales after meeting stern Spanish resistance.

Valiant tackling restricted England to three tries, from Cheryl Stennett, the wing, Claire Williets, her Wasps clubmate, and Gill Burns, of Waterloo.

Members of the impoverished team from the Soviet Union, who cannot afford to pay for meals on a student campus, are being forced to sell cheap vodka and their sports clothing to buy food.

RESULTS: First round: New Zealand 24, Canada 8; France 62, Japan 0; England 12, Spain 0; United States 7, Netherlands 0.

Bicester just fail to close the gap

Bradford Salem	17
Bicester	12

By Barry Trowbridge

INSPIRING play by Shane Goble, their open-side flanker from New Zealand, and Andy Gannon, at stand-off, has been an integral part of Bradford Salem's success in the Provincial Insurance Cup this season. And when it mattered most, in the final at Twickenham on Saturday, they provided all 17 points in a memorable victory over Bicester.

With Nick Cummins, partnering Gannon at half back, also on top of his game, Salem had three men for whom defeat would have been unjust. But it was a possibility until a serious leg injury to their right wing, Richard Gillgrass, five minutes from time.

The time it took for Gillgrass to be replaced — six minutes — was, as somebody remarked, like a second half-time. Not only time for Salem to regroup, but also, and more importantly, time for Bicester to lose their momentum — a momentum which had seen them recover from being 17-0 down after 50 minutes to 17-12 a quarter-of-an-hour later. But after the interruption they never threatened again.

None of the 7,000 crowd could argue at Cummins's right to be man of the match, even though it was his decision to run the ball in his own 22 which set Bicester off on their fine revival with a try from the young full back, Chris Nash.

SCORERS: *Bradford Salem: Tries:* Goble (2). Gannon. Conversion: Gannon. Penalty goal: Gannon. Bicester: Try: Nash. Conversion: D Cassidy. Penalty goals: D Cassidy, Smith.

BRADFORD SALEM: S Hayden; R Gillgrass (rep: A Dalton), N Klenk, G Sykes, A May; A Gannon, N Cummins; G Sharp (rep: P Breaks), M Lamb, K Laban, S Goble, A Beaumont, G Scott, R Head, M Heap (rep: L Draper).

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Law Report April 8 1991 Queen's Bench Division

Local authority can sue in libel

Derbyshire County Council v Times Newspapers Ltd and Others

Before Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment March 15]

A local authority could sue for libel in respect of its governmental and administrative reputation although no actual financial loss was pleaded or alleged.

Mr Justice Morland so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment allowing a libel action by Derbyshire County Council to proceed against Times Newspapers Ltd, Mr Andrew Neill, Miss Rosemary Collins and Mr Peter Hounam, in respect of certain articles in *The Sunday Times* on September 17 and 24, 1989.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC, Mr Desmond Browne, QC and Miss Presiley Baxendale for Times Newspapers; Mr Alan Newman, QC and Mr Antony White for the council.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND said that the preliminary point was whether a local authority could sue for libel in respect of its governmental and administrative functions including its statutory responsibility for the investment and control of the council's superannuation fund, and whether the statement of claim disclosed a cause of action.

This was the third case of a local authority bringing an action for libel. The first, which was unsuccessful, was *Manchester Corporation v Williams* ([1891] QB 94), a Divisional Court decision, and the second, before Mr Justice Browne, which was successful, was *Bognor Regis UDC v Campion* ([1972] 2QB 169).

His Lordship was bound by *Police Authority for Huddersfield v Watson* ([1947] KB 842, 848) and would follow *Bognor Regis* unless convinced that it was wrong and had to follow *Manchester* unless it was reached *per incuriam*. Alternatively, both those decisions might be right, but some of the reasoning might be defective.

First question

From *Metropolitan Saloon Omnibus Co Ltd v Hawkins* ((1859) 4 H & N 87) it was implicit that all corporations might sue for libel and that included municipal corporations.

His Lordship agreed with Mr Newman's submission that the *Manchester* decision was *per incuriam* in so far as it was founded on *dicta* in *Metropolitan Saloon* that a corporation could not be guilty of corruption.

Mr Newman also submitted that if the *ratio* of the *Manchester* case was that a corporation could only sue in defamation affecting property or that actual damage had to be pleaded was inconsistent with the Court of Appeal in *South Hetton Coal Co Ltd v North-eastern News Association Ltd* ([1894] 1 QB 133). His Lordship agreed.

His Lordship considered that there was no valid distinction between trading and municipal corporations in respect of such libels. If, for example, a local authority was libelled in that it was said *that* its workmen had to work in insanitary conditions or that it operated racial discrimination in employment, it could sue for libel without pleading actual damage.

The recognition that corporations other than trading corporations such as trade unions and charities could sue for libel followed the *South Hetton* case.

Although the reasoning in *Manchester* was flawed, the actual decision might be justified on the basis that the council itself was not libelled but merely its officers and staff at a subordinate level.

His Lordship's answer to the first question was unequivocal. A local authority could sue for libel in respect of its governing or administrative reputation when no actual financial loss was pleaded or alleged.

Second question

Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 provided: "(1) Where a local authority consider it expedient for the promotion or protection of the interests of the inhabitants of their area — (a) they may prosecute or defend or appear in any legal proceedings and, in the case of civil proceedings, may institute them in their own name . . .".

The words of the section were clear. It was for the local authority to consider the expediency of litigation; it was not a judge's function on an application to strike out.

His Lordship considered that any challenge to a local authority's decision to litigate could only be made by way of judicial review.

In *South Hetton* it was said (at p141) that in order to entitle a corporation to sue for libel, the words complained of must injuriously affect the corporation as distinct from the individuals who composed it.

The defendants submitted that the alleged libel reflected solely upon Mr Bookbinder, the council leader. However, his Lordship, applying the test in *Bognor Regis* and accepting that the main thrust of the articles was against Mr Bookbinder and a particular aspect of the council's responsibility, the superannuation fund, considered that it was arguable that the words complained of reflected upon the council itself in the management and rectitude of its financial affairs.

His Lordship therefore concluded that the council did have *a cause of action against* the defendants whose application to strike out failed.

Solicitors: Biddell & Co; Kingsford Stacey.

Seagram eyes Scottish National

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

SEAGRAM, the New Zealand-bred hero of Saturday's Grand National, may now attempt to become the only horse apart from Red Rum in 1974 to complete the double of the world's greatest steeplechase and the Scottish National in the same year.

"He definitely won't go for the Whitbread Gold Cup," said the winning trainer, David Barons, yesterday, "He's going to be sent up to Ayr to take part in the parade and there's a good chance that he could take part in the race."

The prestige of the nation's greatest sporting spectacle has never stood higher. Apart from the possible exception of 1975, when the dual Cheltenham Gold Cup winner L'Escargot beat Red Rum, this was the highest class National since the war.

After all, Seagram won the Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap Chase at Cheltenham by four lengths, and Garrison Savannah, the five lengths runner-up with only 11st 1lb on his back, was a Gold Cup winner.

As in three years out of four, the best form over park courses has provided the best guide to the National. And the modification of the fences after only nine finishers in 1988 has further accentuated this tendency.

In the past three years 118 runners have taken part of which 24 have fallen. On Saturday an extraordinary 35 of 40 runners were still on their feet at the water jump. At the finish seven had fallen or unseated their riders. The remaining ten were pulled up or refused.

However, whatever the modification to the fences, the National always poses its own unique challenges and problems. Christopher Mordaunt, the Jockey Club senior handicapper, yesterday said that Saturday's result was going to give him a headache after the defeat of Garrison Savannah. But for the future over park courses, he will probably be guided by the eventual runner-up's five lengths advantage approaching the elbow and by the similar deficit after those energy-sapping final 200 yards.

Despite the fact that he was tackling the National for the first time, the 25-year-old Nigel Hawke's show jumping and point-to-pointing experience in Cornwall has helped to develop an intuitive understanding of horses and a keen racing brain.

Seagram, well back in the early stages of the race, started to make significant ground racing out into the country on the final circuit. "He wasn't enjoying himself at first," said Hawke. "He jumped the first few fences so big that he was scaring himself and I had to take a pull. I'd wanted to go down the inside rail, but I couldn't because I had to give him room to look at his fences."

The moment of truth, which eventually decided the fate of the 1991 National, was as the field raced towards the largest obstacle on the course, the Chair. "He saw a big stride from a long, long way away and landed full of running. From then on it was just like another race, Cheltenham or anywhere, and I could ride him on a lovely, long rein. The further we went the more he came on the bridle. I honestly think that it was because I'd had to take a pull in the early stages that he came home better than Garrison Savannah."

And then, about that final dramatic surge of power. "He'll always give back to me as much as I give to him. So I just kept driving with hands and heels."

At the post the elated winning jockey punched the air in triumph but for Mark Pitman, who, like his father, Richard, on Crisp eight years earlier, had seen apparently certain victory snatched from his grasp in the final strides, it must have been a bitter moment.

"Garrison Savannah gave me a fantastic ride, but we were beaten fair and square," said the rider. "I thought those jumps at the last two fences had sealed it. He sprinted clear from the last to the elbow and then died. I'd still thought we'd make it, but Seagram came past us as though we were standing still. It was the soft ground that beat us and not the trip."

Garrison Savannah will now enjoy a well-earned rest after his exertions. "I felt much more for Mark than I did for myself," said Jenny Pitman. "He ran a fabulous race and Mark gave him a tremendous ride. We had to go and run off that mark in the handicap. The handicapper will have to drop him now he's been beaten."

What a marvellous triumph did this victory represent for David Barons and also for his co-owner, Sir Eric Parker, the head of Trafalgar House Investments.

How ironical that Ivan Straker, the man who helped to save the National for posterity, had twice turned down the chance of buying Saturday's winner. In 1988, Seagram broke down so badly that his forelegs had to have carbon-fibre implants. And Barons has certainly excelled himself in improving Seagram to such a dramatic extent at the age of 11.

Earlier in the week, results confirmed the theory that Cheltenham winners were best ignored at this meeting. How dramatically did both Seagram and Garrison Savannah prove this theory wrong, as Seagram became the first horse to triumph at the Festival and in the National since Nicolaus Silver in 1961.

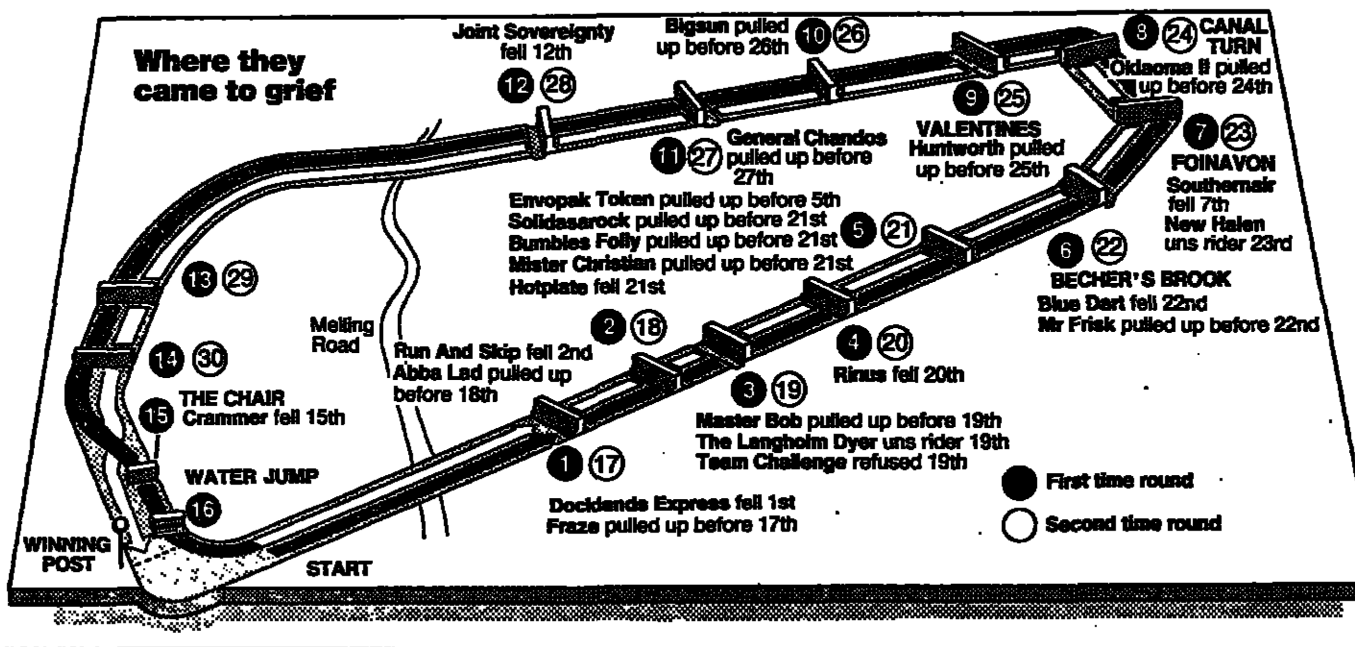
Auntie Dot ran the race of her life to finish third, only eight lengths behind the runner-up. "She jumped so well that I was able to put her in the race with a chance," said Mark Dwyer. "But she wasn't quite good enough to take it."

Groans of horror came from the stands when the heavily-backed Rinus fell at the twentieth fence, two before Becher's Brook on the final circuit.

"He hadn't jumped as well as usual and definitely not as well as last year," said Neale Doughty," whose record of seven completions of the course in as many outings finally having been ruined. He continued: "I could have gone at Becher's. I wasn't enjoying it but we were still travelling very strongly when he fell."

BARRY GREENWOOD

Seagram and Nigel Hawke have Garrison Savannah, ridden by Mark Pitman, firmly in their sights at the final fence in Saturday's National. Seagram stormed ahead on the run-in for a convincing five-length victory


Where they came to grief
Joint Sovereignty fell 12th
12 28
Bigsun pulled up before 26th
10 26
8 24 CANAL TURN
Oklaoma II pulled up before 24th
9 25
VALENTINES
Huntworth pulled up before 25th
11 27 General Chandos pulled up before 27th
7 23
FOINAVON
Southernair fell 7th
New Halen uns rider 23rd
Envopak Token pulled up before 5th
Solidasarock pulled up before 21st
Bumbles Folly pulled up before 21st
Mister Christian pulled up before 21st
Hotplate fell 21st
5 21
6 22
BECHER'S BROOK
Blue Dart fell 22nd
Mr Frisk pulled up before 22nd
13 29
Melling Road
2 18
Run And Skip fell 2nd
Abba Lad pulled up before 18th
4 20
Rinus fell 20th
14 30
3 19
THE CHAIR
15 Crammer fell 15th
Master Bob pulled up before 19th
The Langholm Dyer uns rider 19th
Team Challenge refused 19th
1 17
WATER JUMP
16
Docklands Express fell 1st
Fraze pulled up before 17th
First time round
Second time round
WINNING POST
START

Where they finished

1. Seagram
2. Garrison Savannah
3. Auntie Dot
4. Over The Road
5. Bonanza Boy
6. Durham Edition
7. Golden Minstrel
8. Old Applejack
9. Leagaune
10. Foyle Fisherman
11. Ballyhane
12. Harley
13. Mick's Star
14. Ten Of Spades
15. Forest Ranger
16. Yahoo
17. Golden Freeze

Morley Street obliges at a generous price

FAVOURITE backers were handed a bonus on Saturday when Morley Street was allowed to start at 11-8 against in the Sandeman Aintree Hurdle at Liverpool (Michael Seely writes).

The champion hurdler was always cantering and Jimmy Frost sent him clear on the run-in to beat Nomadic Way by an easy six lengths.

"My betting days are long over but it appeared to be a good price," said Toby Balding, the winning trainer. "Perhaps they think my horses are over the top by Liverpool. However, I've now won the race three times in the past four years. The plan is for Morley Street to be prepared for an attempt to repeat his victory in the Breeders' Cup Chase."

The afternoon had started with a remarkable one-two for Ireland when Blitzkreig comfortably got the better of Redundant Pal in the Captain Morgan Aintree Chase.

However, favourite backers had one of their most unpleasant moments of the meeting when Crystal Spirit was easily defeated by Shannon Glen in the Mumm Prize Novices' Hurdle.

BIG-RACE DETAILS

3.20 SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL (Handicap chase: grade III: £90,970: 4m 4f)

SEAGRAM ch g Balak - Llanah (Sir Eric Parker) 11-10-6 N Hawke (12-1) 1.

Garrison Savannah b g Random Shot - Merry Coin (Autofour Engineering) 8-11-1 M Pitman (7-1) 2.

Auntie Dot b m Hallodri - Dream Isle (Mrs R Wilson) 10-10-4 (inc 4ow) M Dwyer (50-1) 3.

Over The Road ch g Over The River - Legal Fortune (J Upson) 10-10-0 R Supple (50-1) 4.

ALSO RAN: 13-2 fav Bonanza Boy (5th), 7 Rinus (f), 9 Bigsun (pu), 15 Ten Of Spades (14th), 20 Master Bob (pu), Docklands Express (f), 22 Ballyhane (11th), 25 Mr Frisk (pu), Durham Edition (6th), 28 Crammer (f), Envopak Token (pu), 33 Yahoo (16th), 40 Golden Freeze (17th and last), Foyle Fisherman (10th), 50 Solidasarock (pu), Huntworth (pu), New Halen (ur), Team Challenge (r), Golden Minstrel (7th), 66 Oklaoma II (pu), Old Applejack (8th), Run And Skip (f), 80 Hotplate (f), Blue Dart (f), 100 Fraze (pu), Southernair (f), Mick's Star (13th), The Langholm Dyer (su), Joint Sovereignty (f), Mister Christian (pu), Forest Ranger (15th), 150 General Chandos (pu), Bumbles Folly (pu), Harley (12th), 200 Leagaune (9th), 250 Abba Lad (pu). 40 ran. 5l, 8l, 25l, sh hd, 1½l. D Barons at Kingsbridge. Tote: £12.30; £3.00, £2.60, £10.80, £19.80. DF: £44.30. CSF: £79.31. Tricast: £3,703.32.

Verdict of the 40 jockeys in the National

By TONY COLEMAN

NIGEL HAWKE (Seagram): "He landed steeply over the first couple of fences and that frightened him. So I took a pull until he regained his confidence. He pinged the Chair and once he saw more daylight, he was much happier."

MARK PITMAN (Garrison Savannah): "The only thing that's beaten me is the ground. It's a fraction too soft. He jumped like a stag and I was always cantering. He quickened away from the last but, at the elbow, he died on me."

MARK DWYER (Auntie Dot): "She jumped so well that she put herself into the race but she didn't quite get home."

ROBBIE SUPPLE (Over The Road): I was going quite well in the first four or five but, at the end of the day, he wasn't quite good enough."

PETER SCUDAMORE (Bonanza Boy): "He just couldn't go fast enough for long enough."

CHRIS GRANT (Durham Edition): "He ran a hell of a race again but, on that ground, he just tied up. Jumping the last, I thought I might finish fourth but he didn't get home."

TOM GRANTHAM (Golden Minstrel): "I had a good ride but he wasn't good enough."

TIM REED (Old Applejack): "He was very close up on the first circuit but the ground wasn't in his favour. He'll be better next year. It was a very special feeling to ride in my first National."

MARK RICHARDS (Leagaune): "He never put a foot wrong. He led over the first four and was eighth coming back on to the racecourse. He's given me a great ride and has just stayed on."

EAMON MURPHY (Foyle Fisherman): "He jumped well apart from a mistake at second Becher's but didn't quite get home."

DECLAN MURPHY (Ballyhane): "He nearly went at Becher's second time and from there he's just popped round."

GER LYONS (Harley): "He jumped like a stag but has got a bit tired over the last three."

CHARLIE SWAN (Mick's Star): "I nearly fell at the first when he overjumped. He lost about 20 lengths and I was always struggling."

JOHN WHITE (Ten Of Spades): "He hit one or two but in the main jumped well. He just wasn't good enough on the day."

DAI TEGG (Forest Ranger): "The going wasn't soft enough and he was never flowing on the ground."

NORMAN WILLIAMSON (Yahoo): "He jumped well but the old horse has gone past it."

MICHAEL BOWLBY (Golden Freeze): "Exhilarating. He jumped superbly. I thought I had it at the Canal Turn second time round, but he's possibly a little too dashing to get the trip in that ground."

ANTHONY TORY (Docklands Express): "He's never jumped a drop fence before and the drop at the first found him out."

DEREK BYRNE (Run And Skip): "He usually misses out a fence and he picked the second. He tried to find a leg and couldn't."

MARK PERRETT (Envopak Token): "He lost a plate and so I pulled him up after the fourth."

JOSE SIMO (Southernair): "My horse did not like the demonstrators and became excited. He did not jump the first or third well. He jumped Becher's very well but at the next he got too close and I came off. I hope to come back next year."

LIAM O'HARA (Joint So ereignty): "He's given me brilliant ride in my first N ional and I thoroughly enjoy it. He just brushed through couple and then chested o and paid the penalty."

JOHN DURKAN (Cramme "A horse fell in front of us the first and then we w bumped on the Canal Turn. I was travelling nicely on t bridle when he dropped l hind legs in the Chair."

VACLAV CHALOUPA (Fraze): "I had to pull up wh she spread a plate after jumpi Becher's. We'll be back h next time with a pro preparation."

DEAN GALLAGHER (Ab Lad): "It was frightening ov the first two as he pitch pretty badly. But he got a h of himself and jumped w until going lame passing t stands."

BEN DE HAAN (Team Ch enge): "I had a great ride u my fellow refused at the th second time round."

JAMIE OSBORNE (Mas Bob): "It didn't go very w He wasn't really enjoying it a pulled him up."

GRAHAM McCOURT (T Langholm Dyer): "I thoroug enjoyed myself for a circuit. nearly got rid of me at the th second time and the sad slipped so badly that we par after the fence."

NEALE DOUGHTY (Rin "He was travelling very w when he fell. He hadn't jump as well as he did last year a nearly got rid of me at Beche first time round."

GRAHAM BRADLEY (Sol asarock): "Very disappointi He ran very Flat and it was o a matter of time before I pul him up."

JIMMY FROST (Bumb Folly): "He jumped big a careful and I pulled him when he got tired."

SIMON EARLE (Mist Christian): "I was up there the way but he pulled up v quickly before Becher's seco time. I think there must something wrong with him."

PETER NIVEN (Hotplate): had a great ride. He jump very well but was not go enough so I pulled him up."

HYWEL DAVIES (Blue Da "He was a little outpaced all t way and got rid of me Becher's second time round."

MARCUS ARMYTAGE (Frisk): "The ground was jus bit softer than we hoped might be. We hoped he mi remember where he was and able to overcome it. He mad mistake at second Becher's s pulled him up as there was point in carrying on. He ov us nothing."

SEAMUS O'NEILL (N Halen): "We were going v well until he made a mistak second Becher's. That seem to unnerve him and he hit next, the smallest fence on course, halfway up and shot out."

ROLAND KLEPARSKI (laoma II): "He ran very well the first circuit. He was go easily up to Becher's sec time round, but knocked his there and lost his action. I h to come back next year."

RICHARD DUNWOO (Bigsun): "When he nearly at Becher's second time I going better than I was pas the stands. I think he wo have finished in the first si had to pull him up at the Ca Turn as we had a couple loose horses in front of us."

ALAN WALTER (Hu worth): "He gave me a g ride until he got tired an pulled him up at Valentines.

JOHN BRADBURNE (Ge al Chandos): "He began to l his place on the second cir and was baulked at the Ca Turn, so I pulled him up."

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES

Pilkington Cup
Semi-finals

HARLEQUINS 22 NOTTINGHAM 18

(after extra time)

Harlequins: Tries: Glenister, Harriman. Con: Pears. Pens: Pears (4). Nottingham: Try: Kilford. Con: Hodgkinson. Pens: Hodgkinson (3). Dropped goal: Gregory.

NORTHAMPTON 18 ORRELL 10

Northampton: Pens: Steele (6). Orrell: Try: Heslop. Pens: Strett (2).

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

GLOUCESTER 15 BATH 17

Gloucester: Try: Hannaford. Con: Smith. Pens: Smith (3). Bath: Tries: Webb (2). Chilcott. Con: Webb. Pen: Webb.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	10	9	0	1	186	77	18
Orrell	9	7	0	2	211	60	14
Harlequins	10	7	0	3	215	118	14
Wasps	9	6	1	2	141	116	13
Leicester	10	6	0	4	186	109	12
Gloucester	10	5	0	5	157	129	10
Rosslyn Pk	10	5	0	5	147	129	10
Nottingham	9	5	0	4	104	132	10
Bristol	10	3	1	6	101	161	7
Northampton	9	3	1	5	111	181	7
Saracens	9	3	0	6	100	173	6
Moseley	9	1	1	7	78	152	3
L'pool St Hs	10	0	0	10	81	281	0

Second division

RICHMOND 0 COVENTRY 13

Coventry: Try: Smith. Pens: Thomas (3).

BEDFORD 21 L SCOTTISH 16

Bedford: Tries: Williams, Bayfield, Glanvill. Cons: Finney (3). Dropped goal: Finney. London Scottish: Tries: Lindsay (2), Morrison. Cons: Grecan (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rugby	10	8	0	2	214	129	16
Coventry	10	8	0	2	147	93	16
L Irish	10	8	0	2	197	158	16
Wakefield	10	7	0	3	159	91	14
L Scottish	11	6	0	5	218	162	12
N Gosforth	9	5	0	4	123	84	10
Sale	10	4	1	5	169	126	9
Waterloo	10	4	1	5	135	169	9
Bedford	10	3	2	5	116	171	8
Plymouth A	10	3	0	7	108	170	6
Richmond	10	3	0	7	113	207	6
Blackheath	10	2	0	8	105	154	4
Headingley	10	2	0	8	84	193	4

Third division

Roundhay 23 Askeans 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	10	9	1	0	273	80	19
Morley	11	8	1	2	200	109	17
Exeter	10	6	2	2	142	117	14
Clifton	10	6	1	3	148	130	13
Fylde	10	5	2	3	136	94	12
Sheffield	10	4	1	5	165	170	9
Lydney	11	4	1	6	122	153	9
Askeans	10	3	2	5	112	131	8
Broughton Pk	10	4	0	6	93	152	8
Roundhay	10	3	1	6	101	142	7
Nuneaton	10	3	0	7	123	180	6
Vale of Lune	10	3	0	7	102	189	6
Met Police	10	2	0	8	90	160	4

Fourth division north

Stoke 12 Birmingham 3

McEwan's Scottish League
First division

Edinburgh A 7 Currie 24

Edinburgh Acads: Try: Sole. Pen: Shepherd. Currie: Tries: Begoy, Ferguson, Forrester. Pens: Donaldson (2). Dropped goals: Donaldson (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boroughmuir	13	11	1	1	265	124	23
Heriot's FP	13	11	0	2	276	144	22
Jed-Forest	13	10	0	3	268	166	20
Gala	13	9	1	3	271	167	19
Melrose	13	9	0	4	195	155	18
Edinburgh Ac	13	8	1	4	270	139	17
Stirling Co	13	6	2	5	191	191	14
Hawick	13	6	0	7	207	191	12
Selkirk	12	4	0	8	163	280	8
Currie	13	3	1	9	200	268	7
Stewarts Mel	12	3	0	9	150	215	6
Glasgow HK	13	3	0	10	170	284	6
Kelso	13	3	0	10	209	312	6
Edinburgh W	13	1	0	12	144	403	2

Heineken Welsh League
First division

Newport 3 Maesteg 11

Provincial Insurance Cup
Final

Bradford Salem 17 Bicester 12

Club matches

Aberavon 12 Cheltenham 6

(abandoned - 65 mins)

Birkenhead Pk 10 Abertillery 20

Ebbw Vale 4 Newbridge 6

(abandoned - 61 mins)

Glamorgan W 13 L Irish 6

Met Police 17 L Welsh 17

N Gosforth 22 Liverpool St Hs 3

Pontypridd 14 Penarth 3

(abandoned - 52 mins)

Sale 15 Moseley 13

Saracens 6 Leicester 10

Wakefield 19 Rosslyn Park 10

Bristol 13 Bridgend 17

Wasps 21 Cardiff 10

Yesterday

Schweppes Welsh Cup
Semi-finals

Neath 19 Llanelli 22

Neath: Try: Edmonds. Pen: Thorburn. Dropped goal: Thorburn. Llanelli: Tries: Jones, Lewis. Con: Stephens. Pens: Stephens (4).

Swansea 7 Pontypool 28

Swansea: Try: Webster. Pen: Price. Pontypool: Tries: Jonathan, McGauchie, Lewis. Cons: Parry (2). Pens: Parry (3), McGauchie. Dropped goal: Phillips.

GALA SEVENS TOURNAMENT: First round: Hawick 22, Watsonians 6; Boroughmuir 20, Germany 6; Gala 6, Jed-forest 0; Kelso 26, Stewart's-Melville 6; Fiji 24 Melrose 6; Glasgow 16, Selkirk 4; Saltires 26, Heriot's 0. Quarter-finals: Hawick 16, Boroughmuir 10; Canad 14, Gala 10; Fiji 30, Kelso 6; Saltires 28, Glasgow 6. Semi-finals Canada 16, Hawick 8; Fiji 24, Saltires 4. Final: Fiji 28, Canada 6.

U-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Somerset 10, Hampshire 10 (at Bath - Hampshire qualify as away team).

SCOTLAND: McEwan's League: Sixth division: Carnoustie HSFP 8, Marr 11. Representative match: Argyll and Bute 18, Lanarkshire 6. U-15 Schools International: Wales 42, Scotland 0. Club matches: East Kilbride 31, Fylde 13; Edinburgh Wanderers 3, Kendal 61. Sevens tournaments: Gala: Canada 6, Fiji 28. Greenock Wanderers: Stirling County 22, GHK 6. Wigtownshire: Wigtownshire 18, Lenzie 0. Glenrothes: Dundee HSFP 22, Kirkcaldy 18. Moray: Crusaders 22, Kirkcaldy 0. Arran: Clarkston A 6, Heriot's B 6. Banff: Crusaders 22, Montrose 0. Holy Cross: Ross High 10, Lasswade 14. Craig Dunain: RAF Lossiemouth 21, Sutherland 0. Langholm Juniors: Melrose 18, Gala Star 12. Kelso Harlequins: Melrose Colts 4, Kelso Harlequins A 12. Haddington: Hawick Trades 4, Gala YM 26.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: Third division north west: Hemel Hempstead 6, Upper Clapton 17. Welling 6, Letchworth 6. Fourth division south west: Purley 26, Guy's Hospital 19. Hertfordshire: First division: Stevenage 32, Old Ashmoleians 3. Southern Counties: Wimborne 9, Aylesbury 10. Eastern Counties Cup: Semi-final: Southend 0, Sudbury 24; Thurrock 12, North Walsham 6. Fullers Brewery Middlesex Merit Table: Ealing 3, Centaurs 11; Staines 11, Grasshoppers 10. Unisys Seven Counties Merit Table: US Portsmouth 6, Maidstone 28. Bisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table: Maidenhead 3, High Wycombe 9. ADT CLOB Merit Table: Old Alleynians 66, Old Rutlishians 0. Club matches: Aldermaston 9, Staines Cobs 0; Barking 3, Reading 3; Bank of England 25, Bancroft 10; Basingstoke 44, Old Gaytonians 13; Beckenham 24, Hastings and Bexhill 6; Betteshanger CW 25, Maidstone Mustangs 15; Burgess Hill 20, Isle of Wight 15; Camberley 65, Winchester 4; Chelmsford 16, Brentwood 0; Chiltern 19, Barnet 22; Citizens 12, Metropolitan Police (Hayes) 9; Clifton 18, Stourbridge 12; Dartfordians 16, Gillingham Anchorians 12; Ealing 4, Centaurs 11; Gravesend 32, Old Beccehamians 10; Guildford and Godalming 18, Portsmouth 23; Haringey 68, Romford and Gidea Park 11 0;

SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Championship: Second division: Henley 20, Bournemouth 3; Penryn 17, Banbury 6. Western Counties: Launceston 4, Bridgwater 0; Okehampton 3, Old Culverhaysians 4; Penzance Newlyn 38, Clevedon 14. Cornwall: First division: St Austell 20, Roseland 6. Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire: First division: Wheatley 22, Drifters 0. Club matches: Barnstaple 13, Paignton 6; Berry Hill Utd 3, Bristol Saracens 12; Bristol Utd 18, Havant 21; Broad Plain 0, Old Ashtonians 18; Bude 22, Barnstaple Ath 0; Camborne Police 18, East Kent Police 22; Cheddar 7, Chew Valley 3; Chipping Sodbury 10, Bath Spartans 10; Clifton 18, Stourbridge 12; Cotham Park 19, Old Colstonians 3; Falmouth 6, Newquay Hornets 7; Frampton Cotterell 82, St Brendan's Old Boys 3; Frome 32, North Dorset 0; Gordano 19, Hornets 12; Hayle 16, Bognor 7; Honiton 6, Minehead Barbarians 6; Imperial 15, Barton Hill 12; Kingswood 12, Avonvale 9; Launceston 4, Sidmouth 0; Morganians 0, Alter 4; Old Redcliffians 22, Midsomer Norton 22; Old Sulians 40, Bath OE 6; Penryn 17, Okehampton II 6; Penrith 9, Rockcliff 9; Penzance and Newlyn 36, Helston 14; Redruth 21, Brixham 7; Redruth III 13, Bristol Aerospace 18; Plymouth CS 6, Devon and Cornwall Police 6; St Bernadette's 4, Dings Crusaders 16; St Ives 28, Camborne 4; Salisbury 6, Weston-super-Mare 37; Thornbury 7, Whitehall 42; Tor 4, Wells 27; Western Utd 13, Burnham 12.

MIDLANDS: East Midlands and Leicestershire: Coalville 16, Ampthill 6. East Midlands: First division: Old Northamptonians 0, Brackley 15. Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire: First division: Stamford 25, Southwell 10. Club matches: Atherstone 7, Tamworth 3; Belgrave 32, Northampton Mens Own 7; Bridgnorth 9, Camp Hill 26; Broad Street 0, Keresley 6; Bromsgrove 18, Kettering 0; Birmingham Welsh 4, Yardley and District 15; Clifton 18, Stourbridge 12; Coventrians 6, Dunlop 9; Deepings 6, Westwood 0; Earlsdon 6, Northampton Casuals 6; East Retford 4, Danum Phoenix 3; Gordon League 15, Wolverhampton 0; Grimsby 8, Lincoln 22; Harbury 24, Old Warwickians 0; Heaton Moor 3, Stafford 30; Long Buckby 21, Old Laurentians 6. Macclesfield 14, Matlock 3; Market Bosworth 9, Syston 6; Newcastle (Staffs) 19, Worcester 13; Northampton OS 23, Spalding 6; Nottingham Casuals 6, Ilkeston 22, Nottinghamians 12, Oakham 13; Northampton Trinity 3, Olney 14; Nuneaton OE 13, Silhillians 4; Old Halesonians 14, Old Centrals 12; Old Longtonians 19, Shrewsbury 6; Old Moseleians 22, Jaguar (Coventry) 4; Old Newtonians 4, Aylestone St James 28; Old Saltleians 10, Spartans 0; Pinley 12, Burbage 3, Redditch 6, Coventry City Guild 22; Rushden and Higham 0, Oadby Wyggestonians 16; Selly Oak 4, Veseyans 11; Skegness 0, Stamford College 4; South Leicester 11, Rugby St Andrews 6; Southam 15, Brackley 0; Southwell 14, Melton Mowbray 13; Stroud 3, Walsall 9; Telford 15, Willenhall 15, Uttoxeter 38, Linley 0; Wednesbury 3, Five Ways 12; Westleigh 0, Burton-on-Trent 10; Wigston 10, Sleaford 6, Worcester 13, Newcastle 19.

MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Championship: North Midlands first division: Whitchurch 37, Aston OE 9. Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire Cup: semi-finals: Derby 3, Moderns 9. East Midlands Cup: semi-finals: Biggleswade 15, Peterborough 4; Leighton Buzzard 6, Towcestrians 38.

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Widnes 13, Hull Ionians 16. Second division: Stockton 13, Sandal 7. North West: First division: Manchester 28, Davenport 3; Northwich 24, Netherhall 0. NW-East: First division: Crewe and Nantwich 10, Tyldesley 0; Old Bedians 11, Manchester YMCA 9. Second division: Colne and Nelson 3, Chorley 0. North East: First division: Old Crossleyans 27, Gateshead Fell 12. Yorkshire: First division: Driffield 3, Cleckheaton 0. Durham and Northumberland: First division: Horden 33, Darlington 11. Club matches: Acklam 20, Yarnbury 8; Alnwick 6, Hartlepool Rovers 14; Baildon 14, Howardians 14; Barnsley 0, Bramley 17; Beverley 13, Old Brodleians 12; Birkenhead Park 10, Abertillery 20; Blyth 38, Burnage 3; Bridlington 41, Moortown 15; Broughton 27, Bowdon 3; Broughton Park 31, Durham City 6; Carlisle 15, Morpeth 13; Chester 15, Lymm 6, De la Salle (Salford) 19, Vulcan 6, Didsbury Toc H 15, Wigan Tech 4; East Retford 3, Danum Phoenix 4; Fleetwood 4, Bolton 8, Grimsby 8, Lincoln 22; Halifax 14, Sheffield 18; Halifax Vandals 6, Heath 0; Harrogate 7, Morley 26; Headingley 30, Roundhegians 12; Headingley Wanderers 3, Kendal 61; Heaton Moor 3, Stafford 26; Helsby 20, Deeside 0; Hemsworth 16, Scunthorpe 12, Hightown 6, St Edwards Old Boys XV 22; Keighley 17, Newark 4; Kirkby Lonsdale 6, Ilkley 3; Leigh 6, Wigan 27; Macclesfield 14, Matlock 3; Malton and Norton 9, Mowden Park 7; Malton and Norton II 10, Congleton 0, Marist 21, Hull and ER 7; Market Rasen 7, Hullensians 6; Merseyside Police 4, Ashton on Mersey 8; Middlesbrough 18, Vale of Lune 13, Northallerton 16, Middlesbrough Wasps 3; North Shields 38, Dinnington 4; Old Aldwinians 6, Kersal 6; Old Anselmians 10, Old Salians 22; Oldham 19, Newton le Willows 7; Old Hymerians 6, Goole 18; Old Otliensians 20, Selby 0; Otley 11, Fylde 0; Old Parkonians 14, Port Sunlight 0; Penrith 9, Rockcliff 9; Pocklington 64, Dursley 6; Pontefract 7, Rodillians 12; Ponteland 9, Bishop Auckland 30; Preston Grasshoppers 18, Tynedale 6; Redcar 58, Northallerton XV 6; Ripon 11, Doncaster 4; Rossendale 35, Aspull 6; Rowntrees 3, Marist XV 15, Ruskin Park 18, Shell Stanlow 6; Sale 15, Moseley 13, Sandbach 14, Wirral 16; Sheffield Tigers 10, Worksop 4; Sunderland 13. Gateshead Fell XV 13; Thornensians 9, Dronfield 22; Upper Eden 10, Old Rishworthians 12; Warrington 10, Rochdale 3; Wensleydale 4, Seaton Carew 13; West Hartlepool 21, Northern 18; Westoe 32, Novocastrians 6; West Park Bramhope 60, Scarborough 0; West Park (St Helens) 4, Winnington Pk 37; Wetherby 7, West Leeds 9; Wheatley Hills 18, Hessle 10; Whitehaven 6, Carnforth 7; Wibsey 4, Bradford and Bingley Barbarians 31; Wilmslow 10, Caldy 4; Workington 14, Egremont 7; York 33, Chesterfield 6; York RI 12, Huddersfield YMCA 12; Yorkshire CW 4, Hornsea 26.

WALES: Heineken League: Second division: Aberavon Harlequins 6, Rumney 10; Blaina 13, Treorchy 0; Bonymaen 4, Llanharan 7; Narberth 6, Mountain Ash 6; Wrexham 3, Dunvant 27. Third division: Llandovery 0, Tenby Utd 0; Pontypool Utd 0, Kidwelly 29, Ruthin 3, Cilfynydd 22; Tumble 20, Kenfig Hill 6.

IRELAND: AIB Ulster Senior Cup: Quarter-finals: Instonians 16, City of Derry 7; Portadown 7, Bangor 24; Omagh 16, Dungannon 25; Collegians 3, Ballymena 19. Senior club: Armagh 6, CIYMS 35. Leinster Senior Cup: Quarter-final: Dublin University 13, Wanderers 25. Senior club: Old Belvedere 4, Monkstown 9; Bective Rangers 14, St Mary's College 20. Munster Senior Cup: Quarter-finals: Garryowen 6, Sunday's Well 3. Connacht Senior club: Ballina 21, Skipton (North Yorkshire) 10. Dudley Cup: University College Galway 4, Queen's University 12 (at Dangan).

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Ebubedike crowns fin display by Monarchs

London Monarchs........ 35
Orlando Thunder.......... 12

By RICHARD WETHERELL

AFTER this comprehensive victory over a previously unbeaten side, London Monarchs downplayed any talk of the World Bowl. But it was less than convincing. Apart from blocked punts on both of their first two possessions, Monarchs dominated this World League of American Football game in front of a crowd of 35,327.

That the *coup de grâce* of a splendid performance was applied by a British player pleased the spectators as much as anything. Victor Ebubedike came in for his first play apart from special teams and gained 11 yards. Then ten more, another three, and 18 more to be just short of a touchdown. He almost made it on his next run but with 28 seconds left, and one yard to go, there was no doubt who was getting the ball. The offensive line which had protected Stan Gelbaugh, the Monarchs quarterback and player of the match, so well did its job again. Ebubedike scored the Monarchs' fourth running touchdown and their fifth in all.

Larry Kennan, Monarchs' head coach, indicated after the game that Ebubedike would play more. Keenan said there is a "distinct possibility" that he will appear earlier in the remaining games.

His 44-yard gain on six made him the team's le rusher. Overall, the nu were disappointing but whe goal line was in sight they the necessary yardage. D Smith scored from three in the first quarter to Monarchs past Thunder's goal by Baumann, he add second in the third quarte Jeff Alexander ran in from yards to make it 28-6 i fourth quarter.

The one touchdown pas a 39-yard effort to Tony Sa Gelbaugh overshadowed th lando quarterback, Kerwin by passing for 313 yards second game of more than Bell was under constant sure and was sacked six ti

Thunder paid dearly for a zone defense. "Our guys open all night and I m some of them too," Gelb said. "We could have h tremendous night if I'd been a little bit sharper."

Thunder put a brave fa afterwards and talked of r ing for the World Bowl next Sunday they face Barc Dragons, whose record stands at 3-0 after their win at Raleigh-Durham.

SCORERS: Field goal: Baumann touchdown: D Smith, conversion: P A der (7-3); touchdown: Sargent, conv P Alexander (14-3); field goal: Bauma 6); touchdown: D Smith, conver Alexander (21-6); touchdown: J Ale conversion: P Alexander (28-6); down: Roscoe (28-12); touch Ebubedike, conversion: P Alexand 12).

Other results: Frankfurt Galaxy 27, York Knights 17; Barcelona Drag Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks 14.

Verdict of 40 jockeys the Nation

AMERICAN FOOTBAL

bubedike crowd isplay by Mo

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onanza's stamina to carry the day n demanding test

NDARIN

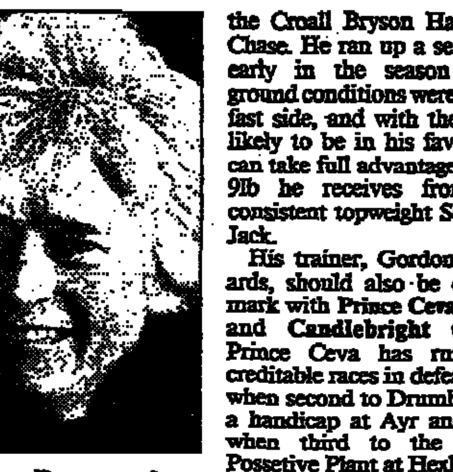
st soft ground at this afternoon sug- a will be the order and with that in itions will favour n the Taxinews He is my nap.

eveley struck a gain when paying eas for the four- t of Chris Thorn- at the Doncaster Sales. At that time ad only plating hurdles, but has ssed rapidly, most lding a valuable hurdle over this

veley then turned n to the Flat with ut he could finish hen favourite for a at Carlisle. How- as only a mile and gainst today's two when he did begin ound the race was

is certainly Saga- g suit and he looks nger. He began the winning over two- ier miles at Don- nonth although he vely beaten next valuable Queen's mpton, in which St also unplaced. He respected in this pany, but he faces isk in having to lb to Bonanza.

this early stage of the big Newmarket likely to make a ession on the pro- he Clive Brittain- ab, a promising andol at Doncaster start, can land the r Insurance Spital aiden Stakes, while 's Friedland, who considerable step ss from last year's Stakes at New- uld take the Rainbow Rovers Charity Maiden Guaranteed Sweepstakes.



Reveley: Bonanza has proved an astute buy

The Westminster Claims Recovery Claiming Stakes looks a match between Hooting Don and Worldbeta. Hooting Don has fitness on his side following a good half-length third to Valid Point at Carlisle but I was impressed by Worldbeta's short head second to Westholme in a valuable nursery at York last autumn. I feel he may have the edge here at level weights.

In theJohn And Aileen Oswell Westminster Agency Handicap I take Beau Benz's greater experienceto give the edge over Catterick maiden winner Jewel Of The East.

At Kelso, Pyjamas can overcome a lengthy absence to retain his unbeaten record this season in an attractive race for the Croall Bryson Handicap Chase. He ran up a sequence early in the season when ground conditions were on the fast side, and with the going likely to be in his favour he can take full advantage of the 9lb he receives from the consistent topweight Sawdust Jack.

His trainer, Gordon Richards, should also be on the mark with **Prince Ceva** (2.15) and **Candlebright** (2.45). Prince Ceva has run two creditable races in defeat, first when second to Drumhead in a handicap at Ayr and then when third to the useful Possetive Plant at Hexham.

Candlebright picked up two novices' chases before returning to action with a fourth in a handicap hurdle at Ayr. He should be sharper for that latest run and can concede the weight to opponents which, although strong numerically, are largely moderate. Roy's Dream, a good second to the useful Formula One here in February but let down by poor jumping on his last two starts, looks the best of them.

Dun Gay Lass, an unlucky second to Lovely Citizen in the Christies Foxhunters' Chase at the Cheltenham festival when her rider lost an iron on the run-in, has an excellent chance to gain some small compensation in the *Horse And Hound* Buccleuch Hunter Chase.

Blinkered first time

NEWCASTLE: 3.15 Cree Leader.

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible] since win	level stake
M Pipe	174	81	61	1	-31.99
G Richards	99	54	48	2	-10.51
W Stephenson	59	48	40	1	-185.04
J Gifford	69	55	42	5	-82.62
Mrs G Reveley	55	41	31	15	+39.69
D Nicholson	50	48	29	5	-40.40
J Edwards	48	35	27	0	-31.77
O Sherwood	46	32	29	3	-44.47
J Fitzgerald	40	27	25	1	-22.69
G Balding	39	24	29	0	-144.58
Mrs J Pitman	38	38	28	0	-27.55

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	losing sequence	level stake
R Dunwoody	104	105	88	12	-157.64
P Scudamore	101	35	28	5	+0.56
N Doughty	81	47	29	5	+65.45
P Niven	81	50	54	5	+31.19
M Dwyer	70	57	42	6	-44.30
G McCourt	66	69	45	4	+3.97
J Osborne	55	49	34	13	-17.99
M Perrett	54	22	29	2	-56.35
S Smith Eccles	50	37	22	2	-15.00
H Davies	46	33	33	6	-90.18
L Wyer	42	32	34	3	-28.76

lamare prevails in tight nish to Times qualifier

RIAN BEEL

landed the *The* mpionship quali- Grove and Rufford int on Saturday, han four lengths the first four

lby, on Adamare, tried to make all Vatson got to him Gold four out and ext. The two were t with Baffin Land ori) close up and or Gold (Simon naking ground. ping the last, Gulf ook a half-length ut Adamare came re by a neck with or Gold three y, edging Buffin f the minor place

THE TIMES
Point-to-point
Championship

There can be no doubt that Portonia stays well. There have been recent cases of 'riding a finish' with a circuit to go but, after winning the maiden race here, Kathy Ross thought she had to go round again, which she did in impeccable style, much to the amusement of the crowd.

Stan's Joy, with Robert Alner aboard, started the 3-1 on favourite for *The Times* qualifier at the **Blackmore and Sparkford Vale**, but was comprehensively beaten by the Nick Mitchell-ridden Strong Bond.

Michael Portman, who eventually finished third on Heron's Rock, made the early pace but Strong Bond took it up four fences outand never looked likely to be caught by the chasing Stan's Joy, and went on to win by six lengths.

Rodden Brook, after an poor run in a hunter chase at Chepstow on Tuesday, had his tongue strapped down and won the open by eight lengths. Coincidentally, the horse that won the Chepstow race, Starember Lad, turned out again at the same meeting, in the ladies' open, to increase his unbeaten run to six this season.

ults from Saturday's ten meetings

& SPARKFORD VALE nt: 1, Celtic Leisure (Mrs R); 2, Oak Vale; 3, Scottish 1, Connate (J Farthing, 12- ns; 3, Jimmy Cone. 13 ran. Brook (P MacEwan, 5-2); 2, Unityfarm Oltowner. 9 ran. ber Lad (Miss J Cumings, rage; 3, Archie's Nephew. rgan And Sale (T Mitchell, an Link; 3, Cut Above The n II: 1, Curry Express (M); 2, Autumn Times; 3. 12 ran. Times Rest: 1. Mitchell, 5-1); 2, Stans Joy; 11 ran.

D LECONFIELD & ham): Hunt: 1, Pauline's on, 5-4); 2, Clover Song; ran. Adj: 1, Speedy Boy (T 2, Mr Fog Patches; 3. an. PPOA Club: 1, Falside av); 2, Law Reform; 3, Why ies: 1, Maltby Boy (Miss A 2, B Jaski; only 2 finished. 1, Federal Trooper (T ; 2, Alsiri; 3, Gee Up. 3 ran. ne Nere (Miss A Embiricos, amore; 3, Pike's Glory. 6

: Hunt: 1, Golden Rambler fav); 2, Rectory Park; 3, 4 ran. Rest: 1, Channel 5-4 fav); 2, Corry's Caper; e. 9 ran. Adj: 1, Dark Acre , Solarc Pride; 3, Tale Of pen: 1, Willy Wagtail (D Red Timber; 3, Dewiner. , Matsix (Mrs P Nash, 1-4 r; only 2 finished. 4 ran. stown (J Price, 7-1); 2, erman. 13 ran.

NDS (Radwinter): Hunt: 1, Romanit (A Parris, 16-1); 2, Woodredon Lad; 3, Whistling Eddy. 8 ran. Adj: 1, Rubie's Choice (Miss N Bothway, 1-3 fav); 2, Badgers Mead; 3, Border Kelly. 7 ran. Open: 1, Carl's Choice (G Cooper, 1-5 fav); 2, York Royal; 3, Takeover Bid. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Noan Wood (Miss P Claydon, 5-2); 2, As You Were; 3, Bloodhound. 6 ran. Rest: 1, Celtic Comic (P Taiano, 7-2); 2, Final Joy; 3, *Burromariner*. 9 ran. Mdn: 1, *Jimmy Shand* (W Sporborg, 5-2); 2, One Law; 3, Kilfiney Head. 8 ran.

GROVE & RUFFORD (Thorpe Lodge): Hunt: 1, Astral Lady (Miss F Dook, 5-4 fav); 2, Dickie Wood; 3, Aconitum. 4 ran. Mdn: 1, Portonia (Mrs K Ross, 16-1); 2, Cornmeen Cross; 3, Spanish Joy. 8 ran. Open: 1, Valley Justice (A Pickering, 7-4 fav); 2, Politburo; 3, Campaign House. 7 ran. Ladies: 1. Stinted Park (Mrs J Dawson, 1-3 fav); 2, Penny Falls; 3, The Cliftonian. 5 ran. Times Rest: 1, Adamare (C Bealby, 5-2); 2, Gulf Of Gold; 3, Corbitts For Gold. 12 ran. Adj: 1,Bostock House (Mrs J Payne, 11-10 fav); 2, Periscope; 3, Retsel. 6 ran.

JEDFOREST (Friars Haugh): Hunt: 1, *Fallalaw (Mrs R Elliot, 5-4 fav)*; 2, Katie Rhodes; 3, Portgloriam. 4 ran. Adj: 1, Dundyvan (R Shiels, 3-1); 2, Geordies Brig; 3, Mill Knock. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Mossy Moore (Miss S Forster, 5-2); 2, Goodfellow's Folly; 3, Steele Justice. 7 ran. Open: 1, Spartan Raft (P Craggs, 6-4 jt fav); 2, Heroic Way; 3, Le Bush. 9 ran. Rest: 1, King Harry (D Caldwell, 10-1); 2, Sovereign Steps; 3, Ten Views. 8 ran. Mdn: 1, The Motcombe Oak (K Anderson, 10-1); 1, Mister Scruff (R Robinson, 10-1); 3, Fils Du Parc. 17 ran.

LLANDEILO (Erw Lon): Hunt: 1, Glen Mayo (Miss B Barton, Evens); 2, Moshi-Moshi; only 2 finished. 2 ran. Adj: 1, Vivaque (P Hamer, 2-1); 2, Caesar's Bronze; 3, Kyme Warrior. 7 ran. Open: 1, Timber Tool (T Rooney, 1-4 fav); 2, Fossard; only 2 finished. 2 ran. Remainder of meeting abandoned — high winds.

LUDLOW (Bitterley): Hunt: 1, Swing Free (Miss G Young, 5-1); 2, Blackwell Boy; 3, Miss Amend. 8 ran. Adj: 1, Back In Business (A Dalton, 6-1); 2, Fiffa's Boy; 3, Rain Chaser. 15 ran. Open: 1, Ticarc (M Wellings, 3-1); 2, FlagOf Truce; 3, Rose Orchard. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Another Shot (Miss S Swindells, 4-1); 2, Wild Flyer; 3, Mendon Rose. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Beldora (Julian Pritchard, 5-2 jt fav); 2, Conor; 3, Best Intent. 10 ran. Mdn I: 1, Uncles Choice (C Campbell, 5-1); 2, Top O' Th' Green; 3, Cruise Day. 15 ran. Mdn II: 1, Peters Pride (T Jackson, 5-1); 2, Glen-Roy-Boy; 3, Countrywise. 18 ran.

PEGASUS CLUB (Little Horwood): Farmers: 1, Proud Bishop (A Sansome, 5-2); finished alone. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Romulex (Miss A Dare, 2-5 fav); 2, Shotsville; 3, Outgunned. 11 ran. Adj: 1, Rapidan River (R Heyman, 5-2); 2, Alpha One; only 2 finished. 2 ran. Hunt: 1, Printer (G Baxter, 5-2); 2, Stout Answer; 3, Freddie Freeloader. 4 ran. Open: 1, Battle Run (J Weatherby, 1-3 fav); 2, Aeroscope; 3, Nineteen Shillings. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Vulbeau (D Dundon, 8-1); 2, Mountain Glen; 3, Soybean. 12 ran.

SINNINGTON (Duncombe Park): Hunt: 1, Courageous Owl (G Musgrave, 1-2 fav); 2, Demi Cheval; 3, Slave's Image. 7 ran. Adj: 1, Wild Child (N Smith, Evens fav); 2, Amy's Mystery; 3, Comzen. 8 ran. Rest: 1, Durlight (N Tutty, 4-6 fav); 2, Final Player; 3, Bright Hour. 18 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Final Chant (H Brown, 4-9 fav); 2, Spritebrand; 3, Tancred Way. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Barrgemme (Miss J Davey, 6-1); 2, Straight Pilot; 3, Naturally Autumn. 10 ran. Mdn I: 1, Go Miletrian (P Atkinson, 33-1); 2, B Gotten Gains; 3, Arctic Bard. 16 ran. Mdn II: 1, Dreamago (P Atkinson, 5-4); 2, Bonnyhill Lass; 3, Willow Wren. 10 ran.

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SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Liverpool

1.50 1, Blitzkreig (4-1 fav); 2, Redundant Pal (20-1); 3, Nos Na Gaoithe (11-2). 11 ran. NR: Bambrook Again.

2.25 1, Morley Street (11-8 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Nomadic Way (7-2); 3, Run For Free (5-1). 9 ran.

3.20 SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL — see facing page.

4.15 1, Macarthur (7-2 jt-fav); 2, William Anthony (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Into The Glen (12-1). Good For A Laugh 7-2 jt-fav. 10 ran.

4.50 1, Shannon Glen (8-1); 2, Crystal Spirit (4-5 fav); 3, So Proud (14-1). 9 ran. NR: Bifocal.

5.25 1, Ivors Guest (16-1); 2, Precious Boy (5-2 fav); 3, Bally Rue (9-1). 12 ran.

Lingfield Park

1.40 1, Sweet Bubbles (10-1); 2, Hot Sunday Sport (13-2); 3, Blazing Fen (11-4 fav) 7 ran.

2.10 1, Serious Hurry (10-11 fav); 2, Mademesnours Girl (7-1); 3, Land Sun (7-1). 5 ran.

2.40 1. Dorset Duke (9-2 jt-fav); 2, Sarum (7-1). 3, Predictable (9-2 jt-fav) 10 ran. NR: Vorro

3.50 1, Winoski (8-1); 2, World Creation (6-4 fav); 3, Access Flyer (12-1). 7 ran.

4.20 1, Mahong (7-2); 2, Runaway Lad (2-1 fav); 3, Interloper (9-2). 9 ran.

4.50 1, Macs Buckaroo (100-30); 2, Walking Possession (4-1); 3, Sylvan Belle (12-1). Meet My Guest 9-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Daily Sport Girl, Fair Share.

Hereford

1.45 1, Classic Statement (6-1); 2, Sound Of Jura (11-10 fav); 3, Cooks Lawn (14-1). 18 ran.

2.15 1, Indian Plume (2-1 fav); 2, Shelly's Folly (20-1); 3, Divikaint (33-1). 21 ran. NR: Winslow Lad.

2.45 1, Late Delivery (2-1 fav); 2, Paddy's Pond (11-2); 3, Porter's Song (16-1). 15 ran.

3.50 1, Red Rondo (2-1 fav); 2, Semaphore Hill (20-1); 3, Andy Boy (4-1). 18 ran.

4.25 1, Mariners Mirror (7-1); 2, Strong Support (5-1); 3, Balasani (5-4 fav); 4, Franciscan (20-1). 17 ran. NR: Greenhills Warrior.

4.55 1, Pithy (10-1); 2, Fence Judge (9-4 fav); 3, Farm Week (100-30). 6 ran. NR: Regens Boy.

5.30 1, How Doudo (12-1); 2, Asl El Asl (100-30). 3, Water Stock (33-1). Favoured Victor 5-6 fav. 17 ran.

Meeting called off

CONFUSION reigned at Wolverhampton yesterday before today's Flat meeting at the Midlands track was called off late yesterday afternoon. Heavy rain had made the course unraceable.

An inspection was held in the morning and the course was passed fit for racing. An announcement was made to the effect that, if there was further rain, a second inspection would be held at 7.30am today.

An inspection will now be held at 3pm today to decide whether tomorrow's meeting can go ahead. More rain is forecast.

☐ Despite a record crowd on Friday, the attendance figure for the three-day Grand National meeting was down by 9,546 to 88,741.

Desert Sun trimmed to 4-1

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

AFTER another high-class gallop at Newmarket on Saturday, Desert Sun is now 4-1 favourite (from 5-1) with Ladbrokes for the General Accident 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 4.

A six-length winner of his only start as a two-year-old at Doncaster, the Green Desert colt went well with the four-year-old, Halston Prince, and the five-year-old, Citidancer.

"He quickened well and was quite impressive," said Henry Cecil, his trainer. "He's a pretty decent colt but, whether he's the best, we don't know yet. He'll probably run in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket."

Desert Sun's only serious market rival at present is Mukaddamah, who is on offer at 6-1 with 10-1 available bar the two.

Hamdan Al-Maktoum's Storm Bird colt won his first two starts, including Goodwood's Lanson Champagne Stakes, and was a shade unlucky when beaten a short head by Peter Davies in the *Racing Post* Trophy at Doncaster.

Peter Walwyn is as yet undecided about Mukaddamah's first target point. "The first plan is the Greenham Stakes at Newbury," said the Seven Barrows trainer. "But we've had a lot of rain down here and I wouldn't risk him in soft ground. I'll leave him in the Craven Stakes as well and then walk the course at Newbury before making up my mind."

Luca Cumani also has the Newbury and Newmarket options for Island Universe, who made such a deep impression when winning the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes at Ascot by seven lengths last autumn. "The ground will probably be the determining factor," said the trainer.

Shaidayid, owned like Mukaddamah by Sheikh Hamdan, remains a firm favourite at 2-1 to repeat Salsabil's 1990 triumph in the 1,000 Guineas for the owner and John Dunlop. "The filly's in great form and Marju is also working better," said the trainer. "But we'll know more after a workout on Tuesday."

Cauthen collects

STEVE Cauthen partnered Sheikh Mohammed's Panoramic to a one-and-a-half length victory over Clive Brittain's Sikeston in the Prix D'Harcourt at Longchamp yesterday.

The winner, who now goes for the Prix Ganay in three weeks' time, returned more than 13-1 on the Pari-Mutuel.

Earlier, Pistolet Bleu impressively won the Prix Noailles. However, his winning trainer Elie Lellouche has no thoughts of bringing Pistolet Bleu to England. He said: "The colt has developing along the right lines and I honestly think he may be better than my Arc runner-up Epervier Bleu. He runs next in the Prix Hoquart in a month's time.

NEWCASTLE

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Tbab.	2.15 Tbab.	2.45 Densben.
2.45 Densben.	2.45 TOO EAGER (nap).	3.15 SAINT ARILDA (nap).
3.15 BONANZA (nap).	3.15 Bonanza.	4.15 Elhudhud.
3.45 Worldbeta.	3.45 Hooting Don.	
4.15 Beau Benz.	4.15 Jewel Of The East.	
4.45 Friedland.	*4.45 Friedland.*	

OUR NEWMARKET CORRESPONDENT: 2.15 Tbab. 3.15 St Arilda. 4.15 JEWEL OF THE EAST (nap).

GOING: SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 WESTMINSTER INSURANCE SPITAL TONGUES MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,831: 6f) (9 runners)

1	(1)	0	COLONEL FAIRFAX 9 (J Westoll) J Watts 9-0	Dean McKeown	—
2	(3)		*MIRUJON (Mrs R Smith) R Guest 9-0*	*N Day*	—
3	(6)	423624-	SUPER SPACEMATE 167 (Moss Side Racing Group) J Berry 9-0	J Murray	● 99
4	(9)	4	TBAB 16 (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	91
5	(8)		JEWEL OF THE NILE (A Perry) D Morley 8-9	G Hind (3)	—
6	(5)	53-60	JUBILATA 45 (Mrs H Wane) K McCauley 8-9	L Charnock	98
7	(4)	56	MISS BROUGHTON 27 (Broughton Thermal Insulation) W Musson 8-9	M Wigham	85
8	(7)	24-	PETONY 191 (C Elsey) C W Elsey 8-9	K Fallon	90
9	(2)		ROSSANITA (Kendal White & Co Ltd) D Topley 8-9	J Lowe	—

BETTING: 13-8 Tbab, 11-4 Super Spacemate, 13-2 Jubilata, 7-1 Colonel Fairfax, 8-1 Petony, 12-1 Miss Broughton, 16-1 Mirujon, 25-1 Rossanita, Jewel Of The Nile.

1990: CAFFARELLI 9-0 Paul Eddery (4-5 fav) R Guest 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

COLONEL FAIRFAX 12th of 14 to Gymcrak Premiere (levels) at Carlisle (6f, good). *SUPER SPACEMATE* 4th beaten 16½l by Corn Futures (rec 5lb) at Chester (6f, good to soft).

TBAB failed to quicken finishing 4th beaten 6l by Bendol (levels) at Doncaster (7f, soft). JUBILATA 7th beaten 12l by Gavin Allen (rec 2lb) at Southwell (7f, *standard*). *MISS BROUGHTON 8th of 8 beaten over* 8¾l by Erris Express (gave 19lb) at Lingfield (6f, standard). PETONY 4th beaten over 1½l by Lincstone Boy (gave 5lb) at Redcar (5f, firm).

Selection: SUPER SPACEMATE

2.45 WESTMINSTER - MOTOR TAXI INSURANCE HANDICAP (£3,882: 6f) (12 runners)

1	(3)	11050-0	MASTER POKEY 17 (D,F,G,S) (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 7-10-0	A Munro	91
2	(7)	265200-	ASHDREN 180 (D,G,S) (N Brennan) A Harrison 4-9-12	K Fallon	93
3	(12)	002021-	PLAYFUL POET 149 (S) (P Bourke) M H Easterby 4-9-2	M Birch	95
4	(11)	120010-	THE CAN CAN MAN 150 (F,G) (A Robinson) M Johnston 4-8-12	R P Elliott	93
5	(8)	35021-4	EL ARAB 23 (V,CD,F) (T Jones) E Alston 4-8-12	Dean McKeown	98
6	(5)	401003-	DIET 154 (V,D,F,S) (Mrs M Clydesdale) J S Wilson 5-8-11	G Duffield	93
7	(6)	352111-	SEA DEVIL 154 (CD,S) (E Noble) M Camacho 5-8-6	N Connorton	94
8	(4)	0601-01	TOO EAGER 12 (B,D,F,G,S) (P Savill) M W Easterby 5-8-5	K Darley	● 99
9	(2)	00000-0	DENSBEN 12 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 7-8-4	M Roberts	96
10	(10)	20000-5	NORDIC BRAVE 5 (C,D,F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-8-3	J Lowe	94
11	(9)	322544-	CHRISTIAN LAD 195 (C,F) (R Robinson (Wigan)) J Berry 3-8-3	S Hayworth (7)	88
12	(1)	00000-0	SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 7 (CD,F,G) (J Hardman) F Lee 4-8-2	R Lappin	98

BETTING: 9-2 Too Eager, 6-1 Sea Devil, Playful Poet, 13-2 El Arab, 7-1 The Can Can Man, 8-1 Nordic Brave, 9-1 Diet, Master Pokey, 12-1 Ashdren, 14-1 Densben, 20-1 Christian Lad, 33-1 Sir Arthur Hobbs.

1990: DENSBEN 6-9-10 M Roberts (11-4 fav) Denys Smith 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASTER POKEY last of 13 to Amron (rec 32lb) at Doncaster (*5f, soft*). *ASHDREN best recent run when* 2nd beaten a sh hd by Wrybill (gave 10lb) at Ayr (7f, soft).

PLAYFUL POET beat Glencroft (rec 3lb) 1l at Doncaster (5f, good to soft). THE CAN CAN MAN on penultimate outing beat Sarafia (gave 14lb) a hd with DENSBEN (gave 7lb) 7th beaten 7¾l and ASHOREW (gave 22lb) 9th beaten 8l at Redcar (7f, good). EL ARAB 4th beaten 5½l by That's The One (gave 10lb) at Southwell (7f, standard). DIET 3rd beaten 2l by SEA DEVIL (rec 10lb) here (6f, soft). TOO EAGER beat Blackwaterfoot (rec 15lb) ¾l at Catterick (7f, good to soft). DENSBEN never showed when 9th of 10 to Gods Solution (rec 7lb) at Catterick (6f, good to soft); won this race last season when beating Donovan Rose (rec 3lb) 1½l with DIET (rec 3lb) 6th beaten 17l (6f, firm).

Selection: DENSBEN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	15	37	40.5
G Wragg	3	12	25.0
D Morley	6	37	16.2
F Lee	4	25	16.0
J Berry	17	109	15.6
M H Easterby	27	179	15.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	13	43	30.2
M Hills	8	40	20.0
G Carter	9	49	18.4
M Birch	38	227	16.7
A Munro	7	50	14.0
K Fallon	7	56	12.5

3.15 TAXINEWS HANDICAP (£2,978: 2m) (11 runners)

1	(10)	1530/0-	PANIENKA 285 (F,G,S) (Mrs C A Wadsworth) D Chapman 7-9-10	D Nicholls	—
2	(3)	421-	SHILINSKI 19J (C,F) (Mrs S Johnson) J Johnson 4-9-9	K Darley	95
3	(6)	65220//	MILITARY HONOUR 44J (D Hilton Cox) M W Easterby 6-9-9	K Fallon	—
4	(4)	0440-25	ST ARILDA 9 (Y Bror) M Bell 4-9-6	M Hills	95
5	(1)	00/43-10	SAGAMAN 9 (BF,S) (R Bluck) L Codd 5-9-2	A Munro	96
6	(11)	R6/030/	MANDALAY PRINCE 21J (D,F,G) (H Rushworth) T Kersey 7-8-7	S Webster	—
7	(2)	60006-5	BONANZA 9 (BF) (D Needham & Partners) Mrs G Reveley 4-8-0	J Lowe	92
8	(5)	46305-5	COST EFFECTIVE 7 (Miss D Woods) M Brittain 4-7-9	S Maloney (5)	● 99
9	(7)	00-505	LISA ROSA 11J (T Lattimore) W Musson 4-7-8	A Mackay	92
10	(9)	000/0/6	COSMIC RAY 12 (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 6-7-7	J Fanning (5)	89
11	(8)	/0000/0	CREE LEADER 9 (B) (B Lonsdale) N Bycroft 6-7-7	L Charnock	—

Long handicap: Cosmic Ray 7-5, Cree Leader 7-3.

BETTING: 9-4 St Arilda, 3-1 Sagaman, 11-2 Cost Effective, 6-1 Bonanza, 15-2 Cosmic Ray, 10-1 Shilinski, 16-1 Military Honour, Panienka, 20-1 Lisa Rosa, 33-1 Cree Leader, Mandalay Prince.

1990: KHARIF 6-8-1 A Munro (2-1 fav) R Allan 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHILINSKI beat Kalogy (rec 5lb) ½l in a match at here (1m 4f, good to firm). ST ARILDA 5th beaten 5½l by Shambo (gave 30lb) with SAGAMAN (gave 5lb) 9th at Kempton (2m, good).

SAGAMAN earlier beat Yorkshire Holly (gave 19lb) at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to soft). BONANZA 5th beaten 13l by Tanoda (gave 16lb) at Carlisle (1m 4f, good). LISA ROSA 5th beaten 8½l by Boulevard Girl (gave 23lb) at Lingfield (2m, standard). COSMIC RAY finished well when 6th beaten 17½l by Steppey Lane (gave 23lb) at Catterick (1m 5f, good to soft).

Selection: ST ARILDA (nap)

3.45 *WESTMINSTER CLAIMS RECOVERY CLAIMING STAKES* (3-Y-O: £2,660: 1m 1f 20yd) (5 runners)

1	(2)	41630-3	HOOTING DON 9 (F) (H Leetham) J Berry 8-9	K Darley	● 99
2	(3)	402210-	WORLDBETA 153 (S) (Developmore Ltd) J Watts 8-9	Dean McKeown	92
3	(5)	0300-0	MR REINER 17 (K Higson) Denys Smith 7-12	L Charnock	85
4	(1)	0-	BONNY'S GAME 220 (Mrs M Butler) C W Elsey 7-7	N Kennedy (5)	—
5	(4)	0000-	DARAGENCY 180 (R McLean) J S Wilson 7-7	J Lowe	60

BETTING: 4-6 Hooting Don, 13-8 Worldbeta, 9-1 Mr Reiner, 16-1 Bonny's Game, 33-1 Daragency.

1990: GOLDEN TORQUE 8-11 A Munro (100-30) Mrs J Ramsden 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOOTING DON 3rd beaten ½l by Valid Point (rec 6lb) at Carlisle (1m, good). WORLDBETA on penultimate outing beat Valid Point (gave 4lb) 1½l at Chester (7f, *heavy*).

MR REINER needed the run when 11th of 12 to Collins Avenue (levels) at Doncaster (1m, soft). BONNY'S GAME 17th of 20 to Tusky (gave 8lb) at Thirsk (6f, good). DARAGENCY 18th of 20 to Blushing Belle (gave 13lb) at Haydock (1m 2f, heavy).

Selection: HOOTING DON

4.15 JOHN AND AILEEN OSWELL WESTMINSTER AGENCY HANDICAP (£3,052: 1m 2f 40yd) (11 runners)

1	(7)	2/25600-	I PERCEIVE 179 (F Lee) F Lee 4-9-13	R Lappin	● 99
2	(5)	062320-	BEAU BENZ 139 (D,F,G) (Gymcrak Thoroughbred II Plc) M H Easterby 7-9-10	M Birch	90
3	(9)	0/01-500	THOMAS LENG 7 (D,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 6-9-10	M Wigham	88
4	(11)	410450-	WEST WITH THE WIND 6J (F) (A Watson) J Johnson 4-9-8	K Darley	97
5	(8)	1	JEWEL OF THE EAST 12 (S) (F Salman) M Bell 3-9-2	M Hills	90
6	(6)	436015	ELHUDHUD 7 (B,D,S) (W Blakey) R Stubbs 4-8-13	A Munro	97
7	(3)	300005-	BEST EMPEROR 270 (B Brewer) K Morgan 5-8-4	A Mackay	90
8	(10)	0/5000-4	MAC RAMBLER 9 (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 4-8-2	S Webster	97
9	(2)	0/0000-1	BUZZARDS CREST 17 (D,S) (B Jones) R Jones 6-8-2	G Duffield	97
10	(4)	600-234	*KHOJOHN 40 (V) (C Barber-Lomax) C W Elsey 3-8-0*	Dale Gibson	92
11	(1)	405/60-0	CHANGE GUARD 12 (E Stanton) R Robinson 5-7-12	G Carter	—

BETTING: 7-2 Jewel Of The East, 4-1 I Perceive, Mac Rambler, 11-2 Beau Benz, 6-1 Elhudhud, 9-1 Buzzards Crest, 14-1 West With The Wind, 16-1 Thomas Leng, 20-1 Khojohn, 33-1 others.

1990: HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 5-8-2 P Burke (14-1) A Stringer 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAU BENZ on penultimate outing was 2nd beaten a sh hd by Obelski (rec 3lb) at Hamilton (1m 4f, soft).

JEWEL OF THE EAST beat Crimson Cloud (gave 5lb) 7l at Catterick (1m 4f, good to soft)

ELHUDHUD 5th beaten 7½l by Double Entendre (rec 1lb) at Kempton (1m 1f, good); earlier beat Stangi Vah (gave 5lb) 5l at Folkestone (1m 2f, heavy). BEST EMPEROR 5th beaten 7½l by Woodurather (gave 5lb) at Chepstow (1m 2f, good). MACS RAMBLER finished well after a slow start when 4th beaten 4½l by Honey Boy Simba (gave 2lb) at Carlisle (1m, good). BUZZARDS CREST beat Shikari Kid (gave 8lb) ¾l at Doncaster (1m 2f, good to soft). KHOJOHN 4th beaten 16½l by World's Creation (levels) at Southwell (1m, standard).

Selection: ELHUDHUD

4.45 RAINBOW ROVERS CHARITY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,415: 1m 2f 40yd) (6 runners)

1	(2)		DREAMS END (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	G Carter	—
2	(5)	0-	FRIEDLAND 170 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	93
3	(3)	5-	JIGGING 201 (Lord Matthews) Miss S Hall 9-0	N Connorton	● 99
4	(1)		MAAMUR (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-0	G Hind (3)	—
5	(6)	0	STEP HIGH 17 (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	71
6	(4)	0-	MANAOLANA 200 (K Higson) Denys Smith 8-9	J Bleasdale	—

BETTING: 8-11 Friedland, 3-1 Dreams End, 13-2 Jigging, 10-1 Step High, 12-1 Maamur, 20-1 Manaolana.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

FRIEDLAND started slowly when last of 11 to Junk Bond (gave 7lb) at Newmarket (7f, good)

JIGGING needed the run when 5th beaten 6l by Character (levels) at Ayr (1m, soft). STEP HIGH denied a clear run when 7th beaten 17l by Collins Avenue (levels) at Doncaster (1m, soft). MANAOLANA last of 13 to Rachel's Dancer (levels) at Ayr (7f, good to soft).

Selection: JIGGING

KELSO

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	BRIAN BEEL
2.15 Prince Ceva.	2.15 Highland Rascal.	3.45 Dun Gay Lass.
2.45 Candlebright.	2.45 Candlebright.	
3.15 Sir Speedy.	3.15 Tulum.	
3.45 Dun Gay Lass.	3.45 Dun Gay Lass.	
4.15 Pyjamas.	4.15 Pyjamas.	
4.45 Fishki.	4.45 Fishki.	

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 VESTAL HILLS.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). *Horse's name. Days since last* outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — *soft, good to soft, heavy*). *Owner in* brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.15 GORDON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,214: 2m) (22 runners)

1	209125	PRINCE BISHOP 7 (B,D,S) (N Miller) N Miller 5-11-8	A Heywood	93
2	24-PPP4	ARRY OPEFUL 23 (P Monteith) P Monteith 9-11-2	L O'Hara	—
3	0/4-30F	BIRKBECK LAD 11 (A Brown) B Stevens 6-11-2	W McFarland	—
4	00	DAVARA 25 (D Nicholson) S Leadbetter 5-11-2	C Hawkins	—
5	00	FINDOGLEN 44 (Ben Coutts & Friends) K Oliver 5-11-2	G Thomson	—
6	0P	HIGHLAND RASCAL 30 (Mrs D Macleod) G Richards 7-11-2	N Doughty	—
7	0404	MARCH AHEAD 33 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-11-2	Mr K Johnson	87
8	0-46	PAMELA'S LAD 63 (Mrs P Cooper) M Hammond 5-11-2	P Niven	—
9	500U23	PRINCE CEVA 14 (J Hamilton) G Richards 6-11-2	C Grant	● 99
10	0-P	QUARNDON 151 (R Kirkland) Miss S Wilton 6-11-2	S Davies	—
11	060	SMART PAL 45 (Mrs J Plummer) P Beaumont 6-11-2	P A Farrell	77
12	0P	THE DARK WATCH 6 (Mrs L Joughin) J J O'Neill 6-11-2	L Wyer	83
13	0004	ZAM BEE 44 (W Reed) W Reed 5-11-2	T Reed	93
14		BRIGHT POLLY (Mrs A Shaw) J Haldane 5-10-11	D Byrne	—
15	0-000	CELTIC WATERS 19 (Mrs D Thomson) Mrs D Thomson 6-10-11	Mr D Mactaggart	—
16	0-PF	LOTHIAN ROSE 44 (Lt-Commander W Crawford) W Crawford 5-10-11	M Moloney	—
17		ODY COLOGNE (Mrs A Russell) D McGarva 5-10-11	Dr S Love	—
18	0-P	POLITE LADY 109 (J Wight) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-11	R Hodge	—
19	004	REDHALL ROYALE 19 (T Robson) T Robson 7-10-11	Mrs A Farrell	75
20	P00	SCARLET EMBER 21 (R Brewis) R Brewis 5-10-11	G Harker	—
21	60	SHARP CHALLENGE 7 (J Wade) J Wade 4-10-10	K Jones	—
22	P	DAISY BRAE 109 (C Bird) S Leadbetter 4-10-5	J O'Gorman	—

BETTING: 2-1 Birkbeck Lad, 9-4 Prince Bishop, 5-1 Prince Ceva, 8-1 March Ahead, 12-1 Smart Pal, 14-1 Redhall Royale, Zam Bee, 20-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.45 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT TAMEROSIA SERIES NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,013: 2m 6f) (14 runners)

1	12F114	CANDLEBRIGHT 30 (D,F,G,S) (Western Meeting Club) G Richards 7-11-9	N Doughty	91
2	25/0-P0P	BALINGLANCE 47 (R Leyland) R Leyland 9-11-2	L O'Hara	—
3	4-6U264	CELTIC BREEZE 21 (H Gething) M Naughton 8-11-2	J Callaghan	—
4	00/040	COP FOR THAT 28 (G Eaton) Miss J Eaton 9-11-2	D Byrne	—
5	42U5-03	DUBALEA 19 (D,F,S) (Mrs H Fraser) J Haldane 8-11-2	C Grant	75
6	646	HALLO FOUNTAIN 45 (Mrs S Taylor) Mrs S Taylor 8-11-2	Mr N Hargreave	84
7	042043	INTARSIA 7 (V) (J Hinchliffe) K Oliver 7-11-2	G Thomson	84
8	443-0PF	LINLITHGOW PALACE 28 (A Crow) A Crow 8-11-2	T Reed	—
9	*P4*	*LOCAL CUSTOMER 7 (J Gordon) M Hammond 6-11-2*	P Niven	—
10	06-300P	OFF THE BRU 7 (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-2	Mr J Bradburne	—
11	2U32UF	ROY'S DREAM 31 (F) (C Bird) S Leadbetter 8-11-2	C Hawkins	● 99
12	2-U6P44	WATERSIGN 30 (North East Racing Club Ltd) G Coatsworth 10-11-2	A Merrigan	84
13	24	STARA ZAGORA 27 (Mrs S Taylor) Mrs S Taylor 6-10-11	G Harker	—
14	631-600	STEPFASTER 37 (G) (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-10-11	Mr K Johnson	64

BETTING: 11-4 Candlebright, 4-1 Local Customer, 11-2 Dubalea, 6-1 Intarsia, 7-1 Roy's Dream, 8-1 Watersign, 12-1 Celtic Breeze, 16-1 others.

1990: SOUTH CROSS 5-10-9 M Dwyer (9-4) G Moore 11 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Hammond	5	17	29.4
M W Easterby	4	15	26.7
M H Easterby	9	36	25.0
G Richards	40	170	23.5
Mrs G Reveley	23	103	22.3
G Moore	21	95	22.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mr K Johnson	7	26	26.9
L O'Hara	12	50	24.0
R Hodge	4	18	22.2
N Doughty	22	104	21.2
P Niven	23	127	18.1
Mrs A Farrell	4	23	17.4

3.15 OLIVER HOMES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,057: 2m 2f) (25 runners)

1	6-P1205	TEBITTO 9 (F,S) (R Peake) D Wintle 8-12-3	Mr J Wintle	96
2	550/6P2	HOCKLEY 19 (S) (R Jeffreys) G Richards 7-11-12	N Doughty	85
3	31-0526	LANDSKI 23 (V,F,S) (D Neale) W Storey 8-11-8	K Dooley	● 99
4	4-U1040	FLAIRY LAD 9 (G) (J Smith) B Stevens 7-11-7	W McFarland	81
5		WATTLE SYKE 235F (C McGhie) L Lungo 4-11-7	M Dwyer	—
6	050004	ALI-MAR-HEL 31 (V) (Mrs M Dixon) J Jefferson 7-11-6	B Dalton	74
7	00-0404	KALEIDOSCOPE 21 (T Goldie) T Goldie 6-11-6	D Poole	61
8	6-0	SANSOOL 31 (A Whillans) A Whillans 5-11-6	G Thomson	—
9	6-1014P	TULUM 25 (G,S) (M Ogden) Mrs G Reveley 6-11-5	P Niven	84
10	4/PP6	FLOATER 19 (William McKinlay Ltd) P Monteith 8-11-2	L O'Hara	73
11	310-P50	NANCY ARDROSS 27 (A Dawson) J Haldane 5-11-2	J Supple	72
12	50P/1-P0	SOURCE OF MAGIC 7 (G) (P Bryan) P Liddle 9-11-1	J O'Gorman	77
13	462012	ACE OF DIAMONDS 14 (S) (F Storey) F Storey 5-11-0	J Callaghan	75
14	UFU-BP0	CORBITTS MILITARIA 11 (B) (N Roche) B Ellison 9-11-0	N Roche	—
15	00FF0/F-	DRAKE'S DRUM 558 (Mrs C Dalzell) Miss J Eaton 6-11-0	D Byrne	—
16	0/2-0533	SIR SPEEDY 14 (D,S) (J McCarthy) D Dutton 8-11-0	G Bradley	85
17	0/0P50	TOURAQUE 72 (T Cuthem) Mrs D Cuthem 6-11-0	T Reed	—
18	00R	RURAL OUTFIT 7 (Mrs S Hutchinson) M Dods 4-10-13	A Merrigan	—
19	433300	DONNA LORENZA 7 (Taybridge Racing Club) Mrs S Bradburne 4-10-12	Mr J Bradburne	68
20	FPP0	EARL GRAY 6 (W Jackson) M W Easterby 4-10-11	C Grant	—
21	068-4P5	I WONDER WHEN 69 (G,S) (P Evans) P Evans 10-10-10	Martin Jones (3)	78
22	/0313/3-	RIPSTER 618 (B,F) (M Pointon) Miss S Wilton 7-10-10	S Davies	82
23	*000*	*MATCHSTICK CHARLIE 5 (M Easterby) M W Easterby 4-10-9*	C Ryan	—
24	000/	FILL ABUMPER 1623F (J Hurst) J J O'Neill 9-10-7	G Cahill	—
25	F04	FLASH BULB 11 (T Hetherton) J Hetherton 4-10-7	J J Quinn	—

BETTING: 3-1 Tebitto, 100-30 Hockley, 9-2 Tulum, 6-1 Landski, 8-1 Sir Speedy, 12-1 Source of Magic, 14-1 I Wonder When, 20-1 others.

1990: LOGAMIMO 4-11-12 G McCourt (9-4 jt-fav) N Tinkler 8 ran

3.45 HORSE AND HOUND BUCCLEUCH HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,917: 3m) (4 runners)

1	0P/P-	LITTLE BAVARD 357 (Mrs A Fisher) Mrs Andrea Fisher 11-12-0	Mrs J Thurlow	—
2	34P5-6P	MELSONBY 40 (B) (Mrs E Robson) E Robson 9-12-0	N Hargreave	50
3	U1/2	DUN GAY LASS 25 (CD,S) (Mrs P Claxton) Mrs P Claxton 9-11-12	M Claxton	● 99
4	060U/3	MEADOW GREEN 14 (Mrs M Armstrong) Mrs M Armstrong 10-11-9	T Scott	50

BETTING: 1-4 Dun Gay Lass, 6-1 Meadow Green, 12-1 Melsonby, 25-1 Little Bavard.

1990: BRONZEKNOWE 11-11-7 G Hamilton (9-2) W Hamilton 11 ran

4.15 CROALL BRYSON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,028: 2m 196yd) (10 runners)

1	133152	SAWDUST JACK 9 (B,D,BF,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 7-12-0	P Niven	95
2	311321	UNEX-PLAINED 27 (D,G,S) (Claimclean (Pallets) Ltd) G Moore 8-11-11	J Callaghan	93
3	11111F	MOMENT OF TRUTH 86 (CD,F,G,S) (P Monteith) P Monteith 7-11-10	L O'Hara	93
4	122-111	PYJAMAS 260 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Whitaker) G Richards 10-11-5	N Doughty	91
5	052353	KARENOMORE 6 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Eastward Bloodstock Ltd) M H Easterby 13-10-9	L Wyer	98
6	412243	MASTER SALESMAN 23 (CD,F,G) (J Walton) F Walton 8-10-3	T Reed	96
7	121-125	CAMIONNAGE 7 (D,F,G,S) (A Crow) A Crow 10-10-1	J O'Gorman	95
8	2218F5	INTERIM LIB 28 (D,S) (R Henderson) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-0	Mr J Bradburne	● 99
9	511-5B4	GROUND MASTER 152 (CD,F,G,S) (Major W Sample) W Sample 14-10-0	Miss P Robson	75
10	0600F-4	CELTIC SOMERS 95 (R Goldie) R Goldie 8-10-0	G Scope	—

BETTING: 3-1 Pyjamas, 4-1 Moment Of Truth, Unex-Plained, 5-1 Karenomore, 6-1 Camionnage, 8-1 Interim Lib. 10-1 Sawdust Jack, 20-1 others.

1990: GROUND MASTER 13-10-1 L O'Hara (9-4) W Sample 3 ran

4.45 TENNENT QUAICH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,461: 2m 6f) (17 runners)

1	123F42	BREAK THE CHAIN 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Brown) W A Stephenson 6-12-0	J Supple	96
2	00/	RELKISSIMO 705 (J Yeadon) P Beaumont 7-12-0	P A Farrell	—
3	42-3141	WEST ENDER 103 (D,F,S) (Fenstone (Quarries) Ltd) J Jefferson 8-11-12	B Dalton	96
4	131	FISHKI 30 (S) (The Scottish Triby Racing Club) M Hammond 5-11-11	P Niven	92
5	5-40326	GENERAL PERSHING 9 (S) (E S Racing) G Richards 5-11-9	N Doughty	91
6	001111	TIMURS DOUBLE 19 (CD,F,G,S) (C Sample) W Sample 10-11-6	Mr C Sample	90
7	20PF5U	STAGS FELL 19 (C,F,G) (R Johnson) G Moore 8-11-4	M Dwyer	96
8	11/U22-	FLEMING 436 (CD,S) (Mrs M Beaumont) P Beaumont 11-11-3	P A Farrell	—
9	3415P1	DAWN COYOTE 14 (S) (R Anderson) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-13	J Corkell	96
10	335130	SECRET FINALE 14 (C,F,G,S) (J Fort) J Fort 12-10-12	R Marley	96
11	6-02241	VESTAL HILLS 11 (J Hellens) J Hellens 5-10-8	A Merrigan	● 99
12	/14PP/	SCOTTISH SIMBIR 880 (G,S) (Lt-Commander W Crawford) W Crawford 11-10-7	L O'Hara	—
13	34F521	HOME TO ROOST 7 (C,G,S) (F Jestin) F Jestin 11-10-1 (4ex)	Mrs J Thurlow	94
14	154005	EQUINOCTIAL 7 (B,CD,S) (N Miller) N Miller 6-10-0	A Heywood	89
15	0-00F01	SEMINOFF 14 (S) (D Dunbar) P Monteith 5-10-0	M Moloney	81
16	1F32U5	BACK BEFORE DARK 70 (S) (J Pirie) K Oliver 7-10-0	G Thomson	78
17	000P-00	SNEVES 27 (G Jones) S Kettlewell 6-10-0	J Callaghan	—

BETTING: 5-2 West Ender, 7-2 Vestal Hills, 6-1 Break The Chain, 7-1 General Pershing, Timurs Double, 8-1 Dawn Coyote, 10-1 Secret Finale, 16-1 others.

1990: QUEENS MAN 8-11-7 R Garritty (100-30) T Fairhurst 9 ran

Arsenal's efficiency bears hallmark of a champion side

Sheffield United 0
Arsenal 2

By PETER BALL

ARSENAL's march to the championship is beginning to look inexorable. On Saturday they survived a battering from Sheffield United to escape with three points and increase their lead at the top to eight points.

It was not championship style, it was not pretty to watch, but it was the sort of performance by which first division titles are won over a long season, wrenching results in unpropitious circumstances, which has marked championship sides throughout the League's long history.

"We felt we'd done quite well, but they've gone on to win the game, and that is a measure of the two sides," Sheffield's winger, Brian Marwood, a member of the Arsenal side which won the championship two years ago, said.

"People talk about their strengths going forward, but they've built their base upon their back four. They've got a great self-belief through the side — although we put them under pressure today, you could see that they believed they weren't going to concede goals.

"I'd be very, very surprised if they lose that lead now. They're stronger now, mentally and physically, than when we won it and they've a stronger squad. We won it with 13 or 14 players, but now they've got 16 or 17, the nucleus of a side to dominate the game for the next five years."

"They're strong in all departments," Vinnie Jones, the Sheffield United captain, remarked, adding what some might interpret as a back-handed compliment: "I like the way they play, they're like the Rolls-Royce of our system."

Against a side of Sheffield's high morale, physical presence and constant aerial attack on a muddy pitch in teeming rain and high wind, it was the sort of game to test character and resilience rather than the finer skills; to sum it up, the sort of game tailor-made for Arsenal, who like nothing better than to roll their sleeves up and slug it out.

It was not pretty and there was some thought that it was counter-productive after the impressive Campbell's early goal, his eighth in ten games, had given Arsenal a solid platform. With Merson, Campbell, Limpar and Smith on the field, matching fire with football might have been worth trying, but that is not Arsenal's way, and they were content to soak up the punishment and rely on counter-attacks.

It paid off, another classic counter-strike catching Sheffield over-stretched for Smith to continue his purple patch with his fifth goal in three games. But on this occasion they had their moments of luck.

Although Bould was once again in commanding form, Deane gave Adams and Dixon an uncomfortable afternoon, and as the Sheffield assault gathered momentum, Jones met Hodges's corners either side of the interval with free headers but put them both wide. Bob Booker did the same at the far post, three good chances which left Dave Bassett rueing his side's luck rather than celebrating his award as manager of the month.

The division leaders also had the rub of the green from the refereeing decisions, Merson escaping the consequences of a typical forward's moment of panic in his own box when he felled Barnes. "We might have had a penalty," Bassett agreed, "if we'd been playing at Highbury — and wearing Arsenal's colours. We don't get penalties like that."

In the event, only Jones, somewhat unluckily after taking exception to an outrageous dive by Limpar and seeking revenge, Hodges, quite deservedly, and Adams, perhaps luckily after upending Deane on the edge of the penalty area, were booked in a game where, thankfully, an unpleasant undertow never quite broke the surface.

SHEFFIELD UNITED: S Tracey; J Pemberton, D Barnes, V Jones, P Beesley, R Booker, C Bradshaw, J Gannon, G Hodges, B Deane, I Bryson (sub: B Marwood).

ARSENAL: D Seaman; L Dixon, N Winterburn, D Hillier, S Bould, A Adams, K Campbell, P Davis, A Smith, P Merson (sub: P Groves), A Limpar (sub: M Thomas).

Referee: V G Callow.

JULIAN HERBERT

Win for Watson: the Everton centre half outjumps his opposite number Young, of Crystal Palace, in the Zenith Data Trophy final at Wembley. Report, page 34.

Ferguson berat his players fo nursing ambiti

Aston Villa 1
Manchester Utd 1

By DENNIS SHAW

MANCHESTER United were criticised by their manager, Alex Ferguson, for taking an easy ride to Europe at Villa Park on Saturday, but they fly to Poland tomorrow with their football finely tuned and confidence high.

Ferguson chided his players for "putting their tools away" with half an hour's work still to be done. By his judgment, the players who face Legia Warsaw in the first leg of the Cup Winners' Cup semi-final on Wednesday were prepared to settle for 1-1. He, quite emphatically, was not. "Who needs a rest at this stage of the season?" he asked.

Without doubt, after four successive victories this performance did lack attacking aggression and the readiness to get hurt in pursuit of those victories. Yet the United manager might have enthused at his players' passing and assured teamwork. Ferguson might also have acknowledged that an Aston Villa team playing with five across the back and a burning anger at the 5-0 defeat at Highbury was in no mood to accept more indignities.

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Robins), G Pallister, B Robso
McClair, M Hughes, L Sharpe.
Referee: B Stevens.

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THIRD AN
FOURTH DIVI

By IAN ROS

IF AN appetite for success counts for anything in modern football, Bolton Wanderers will return to the second division next season.

At a time when several of their closest rivals are showing a marked reluctance to impose their authority on inferior opposition, Bolton are prospering, a fact which was underlined yesterday by the 3-1 win over Birmingham City which strengthened their hold on an automatic promotion place.

Philliskirk, who has a good eye for an opening, scored from a 20-yard free kick to put Bolton ahead after 34 minutes and displayed another facet of his game four minutes later when his fine cross from the left enabled Darby to head a simple second goal.

Bolton relaxed in anticipation of the half-time whistle and Birmingham punished them when Rodgerson's corner reached Gayle, who headed home powerfully.

Although Bolton's rhythm was threatened with disruption by the intimidatory stance which Birmingham adopted after the interval, they deservedly scored a third goal after 64 minutes when Cunningham raced clear to beat the rudimentary offside trap.

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Referee: J Watson.

Beckford fails to prove his point

SECOND DIVISION

By LOUISE TAYLOR

FRUSTRATION was etched on the face of Darren Beckford as he trudged disconsolately from the Port Vale dressing room after a 1-0 defeat by West Ham United on Saturday.

Vale's leading scorer, with 23 goals this season, Beckford was linked with a transfer to Upton Park before Iain Dowie's move from Luton last month, and he was out to prove that West Ham had picked the wrong man.

Beckford's ambitions, however, were thwarted by three outstanding saves from Ludek Miklosko, the West Ham goalkeeper, but he posed the visiting defence sufficent problems to impress the first-division scouts at a rainy, windswept Vale Park.

The wind probably denied Vale at least a point. In the 72nd minute, it seemed to propel Ian Bishop's speculative, 25-yard shot out of Grew's reach for a startling winning goal, described by Bishop as "one of the best I have ever scored," but as "weather assisted" by John Rudge, the Vale manager.

Yet if anyone deserved a goal it was Bishop, who, along with Walker, his elegant Vale counterpart, defied the conditions to contribute some memorable moments in the midfield.

Were he a Nottingham Forest player, Brian Clough would surely have something to say about the length of Bishop's hair, which falls well beneath his shoulder blades. As it is, Clough will no doubt brief his team about Bishop's vision and passing before next Sunday's FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park.

At least West Ham can limber up for the cup secure in the knowledge that they are two points clear of **Oldham Athletic**, who drew 1-1 at home to **Millwall**, at the head of the second division.

Swindon still nurture slight relegation fears after Glenn Hoddle's first match as a manager ended in a 2-1 defeat at home to a struggling **Watford** side managed by Steve Perryman, a former colleague at Tottenham Hotspur.

Hoddle said: "It was a bit different from Monaco, but that is not to say the South of France is better than Swindon."

PORT VALE: M Grew; S Mills, T Parkin, D Glover, N Plattnauer, R Walker, K Kent, R Earle, R Van der Laan, D Beckford, A Porter (sub: P Miller).

WEST HAM UNITED: L Miklosko; S Potts, C Foster, A Gale, C Hughton, M Allen, G Parris, I Bishop, K Keen, I Dowie, S Slater.

Referee: K Cooper.

Lineker fire not easily snuffed

Tottenham Hotspur........ 2
Southampton 0

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

NEIL Ruddock crowed confidently after the 1-0 win over Liverpool on Easter Monday: "I've snuffed out Rush, now for Lineker". If only the Southampton centre back had engaged brain before banter.

Lineker's status as England's premier goalscorer may be suspect. He may now need the occasional trip to Tenerife to recharge his power supply; his reactions may have dulled.

But the hunting instinct burns brightly and, with a Tottenham Hotspur midfield ever rich in creative talent, Lineker has a few milestones to pass yet. Ruddock, soundly spanked for his cheek at White Hart Lane on Saturday, will testify.

Tottenham still totter on the brink. An FA Cup semi-final date with Arsenal on Sunday offers their only sliver of salvation from a season of self-torment. Having seen off Southampton with ease, however, they can visit Wembley with far less fear than of late.

They began at pace into the fierce wind, Stewart destroying all in his path. His conversion from floundering forward to aggressive and artistic middleman continues to confound.

Flowers, the Southampton goalkeeper, had to be alert and athletic. He saved twice from Lineker and earned his luck when Samways shaved a post and Ruddock blocked a Walsh piledriver on the line.

Apart from a few sparks from Le Tissier — a sort of embryonic Gascoigne without the theatricals — Southampton stuttered and stumbled. Lineker provided the breakthrough by latching on to Le Tissier's backpass to beat Flowers and three minutes later, after a snappy Samways flick, he added his seventeenth goal this season.

No. 18 should have followed in the 56th minute, rubber-stamping Tottenham's first League success in 11 weeks. Ruddock *did* snuff out Lineker illegally in the area, but Flowers made a marvellous stop from the well-placed penalty.

"I was pleased with Gary. After a comeback like that, we should all have a week's rest," Terry Venables said. The Tottenham manager, wheeler-dealer businessman and general White Hart Lane guru, awaits Wembley with renewed vigour.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorstvedt; J Edinburgh, P Van den Hauwe, S Sedgley, M Thomas (sub: P Gray), G Mabbutt, P Stewart, V Samways (sub: J Moncur), P Walsh, G Lineker, P Allen.

SOUTHAMPTON: T Flowers; B Horne, M Adams, G Cockerill, N Ruddock, J Gittens, J Case (sub: R Osman), M Le Tissier (sub: A Cherednik), A Shearer, A McLoughlin, Rod Wallace.

Referee: P Foakes.

Forest will need better luck in Cup

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Nottingham Forest.......... 1

By IAN ROSS

IF BRIAN Clough is to realise his long held dream of leading Nottingham Forest to success in the FA Cup, his team will need a good deal more fortune in Sunday's semi-final against West Ham than in this game.

Any neutral observers would have been forgiven for thinking that Clough had spent the hours preceding the kick-off casually strolling beneath a succession of ladders.

The assessment of Peter Reid, Everton's manager, of a scoreline that did little to reflectan entertaining, if strangely lethargic game, was as accurate as the passes he continues to deliver from midfield. He said: "We have played a lot better than that in recent weeks and lost but in football things do tend to even themselves out over the course of a season."

Forest's football was always intelligent but a little naive at times. Keane, a youngster with a promising future, must shoulder much of the blame for Forest's generosity. He conceded a penalty in the tenth minute, which Ward successfully converted, and he then gave away the free kick which Heath directed on to the head of Redmond after 43 minutes.

In between those two goals, Coton, the City goalkeeper, saved with various parts of his body to deny Pearce, Woan and Clough, while Quinn turned a morsel into a meal at the other end after capitalising on a mistake by Chettle.

Forest's second half performance, spirited though it was, yielded only a superbly struck goal by Pearce from a free kick in the 76th minute.

MANCHESTER CITY: A Coton; I Brightwell, N Pointon (sub: M Hughes), P Reid, A Heath, S Redmond, D White, M Brennan, N Quinn, A Harper, M Ward.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: M Crossley; G Charles, S Pearce, D Walker, S Chettle, R Keane, T Gaynor, S Gemmill, N Clough, L Glover, I Woan.

Referee: K Breen.

Ferguson's final p

DUNDEE United reached the Scottish Cup final for the sixth time since 1974 when they beat St Johnstone 2-1 at East End Park (Roddy Forsyth writes). Clark's opening goal for United was scored against the run of play five minutes before the interval, but Curran brought St Johnstone level in the final minute of the half.

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WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

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Barclays League First division

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CHELSEA (1) 3	LUTON (3) 3
Le Saux 31 Stuart 55 Wise 67 (pen) 12,603	Elstrup 14 Farrell 17 Black 23
MAN CITY (3) 3	NOTTM F (0) 1
Ward 7 (pen) Quinn 29 Redmond 43	Pearce 76 25,169
NORWICH (1) 2	COVENTRY (1) 2
Sherwood 40 Fleck 48 11,550	Gallacher 29 Gynn 60
SHEFF UTD (0) 0	ARSENAL (1) 2
26,920	Campbell 10 Smith 73
SUNDRLAND (0) 0	QPR (0) 1
17,899	Tilson 49
TOTTENHAM (2) 2	SOTON (0) 0
Lineker 38 41	24,291
WIMBLEDON (0) 0	LEEDS UTD (1) 1
6,800	Chapman 13

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Arsenal	32	12	3	0	38	6	9	7	1	22	7	71
Liverpool	31	11	2	2	33	12	8	4	4	27	17	63
C Palace	32	9	4	2	22	17	8	3	6	21	21	58
Leeds Utd	31	10	2	3	34	13	6	5	5	15	18	55
†Man Utd	33	9	3	4	28	15	5	8	4	23	22	52
Man City	32	10	3	4	30	22	3	7	5	20	23	49
Wimbledon	32	8	6	4	28	19	3	6	5	19	21	45
Tottenham	31	8	7	2	31	18	3	5	6	12	20	45
Everton	31	8	4	4	22	11	3	4	8	17	25	41
Chelsea	33	9	6	3	29	23	2	2	11	18	32	41
Coventry	33	9	5	3	27	16	1	4	11	9	24	39
QPR	32	6	4	5	21	18	4	5	8	17	28	39
Norwich	31	7	3	6	23	28	4	3	8	12	20	39
Nottm For	32	6	4	4	23	17	3	7	8	22	28	38
Sheff Utd	33	8	2	7	19	20	3	3	10	10	29	38
Soton	33	7	4	4	26	18	3	3	12	23	41	37
A Villa	31	6	8	1	23	15	2	4	10	14	26	36
Luton	34	6	5	5	19	15	3	2	13	20	42	34
Sunderland	33	6	4	7	15	16	1	4	11	18	37	29
Derby Co	30	2	8	6	17	30	2	1	11	10	28	21

* 2 points deducted
† 1 point deducted

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City 0, Bromsgrove 0; Chelmsford 1, Farnborough 2; Crawley 1, Burton 1; Dover 0, VS Rugby 0; Gravesend 0, Gloucester 4, Moor Green 1, Dorchester 3; Poole 1, Dartford 0; Waterlooville 1, Atherstone 1; Weymouth 5, Rushden 1; Worcester 1, Bashley 0. Southern division: Andover 8, Gosport Borough 1; Baldock 3, Yate 1; Buckingham 2, Corinthian 1; Bury 3, Canterbury 1; Dunstable 0, Burnham 0; Hastings 3, Sudbury 0; Hythe 0, Erith and Belvedere 1; Margate 1, Newport IOW 1; Salisbury 1, Ashford Town 0; Trowbridge 3, Fareham 1. Midland division: Alvechurch 1, Grantham 2; Barry 1, Sutton Coldfield 2; Bedworth 3, Hinckley 0; Dudley 0, Bridgnorth 2; King's Lynn 1, Bilston 2; Newport AFC 1, Stourbridge 0; Redditch 1, Hednesford 4; Spalding 0, Stroud 0; Tamworth 2, RC Warwick 0; Willenhall 0, Nuneaton Borough 1.

Second division

BARNSLEY (0) 3	HULL (1) 1
O'Connell 48 79 Rammell 90	Peyton 44 6,859
BRISTOL R (0) 0	PLYMOUTH (0) 0
5,668	
CHARLTON (0) 1	IPSWICH (0) 1
Lee 49 6,443	Linighan 58
LEICESTER (2) 3	BRIGHTON (0) 0
Wright 36 Russell 45 Mills 69	8,444
MIDDLSBRO (1) 2	BRISTOL C (1) 1
Ripley 20 90 13,848	Taylor 2
NOTTS CO (0) 3	NEWCASTLE (0) 0
Regis 50 75 Short 71	7,806
OLDHAM (0) 1	MILLWALL (1) 1
Ritchie 63 13,434	Allen 9
OXFORD (0) 0	BLACKBURN (0) 0
4,787	
PORT VALE (0) 0	WEST HAM (0) 1
9,658	Bishop 72
PORTSMTH (1) 2	SHEFF WED (0) 0
Whittingham 22 Kuhl 86 (pen)	10,390
SWINDON (0) 1	WATFORD (1) 2
White 71 9,899	Butler 32 Callaghan 75
WOLVES (1) 2	WBA (1) 2
Dennison 15 Mutch 75 22,982	Goodman 35 Ford 65

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	38	13	5	1	38	15	8	8	3	16	11	76
Oldham	38	14	5	1	48	18	7	6	5	23	25	74
Sheff Wed	37	7	9	1	30	19	10	5	5	34	23	65
Millwall	39	9	6	4	38	22	8	6	6	21	19	63
Middlesbro	39	9	4	7	28	17	8	5	6	30	23	60
Brighton	38	10	3	5	34	26	8	3	9	25	35	60
Notts Co	37	10	4	5	35	27	6	6	6	25	23	58
Bristol C	39	13	4	3	41	23	4	2	13	18	36	57
Barnsley	36	11	5	2	35	13	4	5	9	20	25	55
Wolves	39	10	5	5	41	32	2	12	5	18	21	53
Oxford	39	9	8	3	38	27	3	8	8	22	33	52
Bristol R	40	9	6	5	25	19	4	6	10	25	32	51
Charlton	39	7	5	8	24	23	5	9	5	26	27	50
Ipswich	37	7	7	4	25	22	4	9	6	24	32	49
Port Vale	39	9	3	8	28	21	4	6	9	20	33	48
Newcastle	37	6	8	4	15	14	6	4	9	22	30	48
Blackburn	39	7	4	9	20	23	5	4	10	21	30	44
Portsmouth	40	8	6	6	30	25	3	5	12	20	38	44
Swindon	39	7	6	7	24	24	3	7	9	28	34	43
Plymouth	39	7	9	3	28	16	2	6	12	16	42	42
Leicester	39	10	3	7	38	32	2	3	14	14	40	42
WBA	39	6	8	5	21	17	3	4	13	23	37	39
Watford	39	3	7	9	18	26	5	7	8	19	26	38
Hull	39	5	9	5	32	28	3	3	14	19	51	36

FA TROPHY: Semi finals, first leg: Kidderminster 1, Witton 0; Wycombe 2, Altrincham 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City 2, Fleetwood 4; Chorley 1, Marine 0; Frickley 0, Horwich 1; Hyde 1, Gainsborough 2; Matlock 3, Bishop Auckland 1; Morecambe 2, Buxton 1; Mossley 1, Leek 0; Shepshed 0, Stalybridge 2; South Liverpool 2, Goole 4; Southport 0, Droylsden 2. First division: Accrington Stanley 0, Warrington 0; Bridlington Town 2, Netherfield 3; Emley 1, Irlam 2; Farsley Celtic 1, Caernarfon 1; Harrogate 0, Lancaster 1; Rhyl 3, Eastwood Town 2; Whitley Bay 3, Curzon Ashton 0; Worksop 1, Rossendale 0. Other match postponed.

Third division

BRADFORD (1) 2	SOUTHEND (0) 1
Torpey 20 McCarthy 49	Angell 75 5,846
BRENTFORD (1) 1	CREWE (0) 0
Fleming 12	5,066
CHESTER (1) 1	FULHAM (0) 0
Morton 12	1,047
EXETER (1) 1	SHRWSBRY (0) 0
Marshall 38	3,277

(abandoned half-time - waterlogged pitch)

GRIMSBY (1) 1	CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
Gilbert 23 (pen)	8,550
HUDDRSFLD (1) 3	STOKE (0) 0
O'Regan 35 (pen) Quinlin 48 Wright 54	6,520
L ORIENT (1) 2	BOURNMTH (0) 0
Bond 20 og Carter 87	4,289
MANSFIELD (1) 2	READING (0) 0
Christie 35 Wilkinson 61	2,498
PRESTON (1) 1	BURY (0) 1
Shaw 14 5,641	Hulme 65
SWANSEA (1) 1	WIGAN (3) 6
Gilligan 8 2,889	Carberry 3 Worthington 31 68 Griffiths 35 Daley 73 Jones 88

Yesterday

BOLTON (2) 3	BIRMINGHM (1) 1
Philliskirk 33 Darby 38 Cunningham 64	Gayle 44 11,280

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	39	15	2	3	40	11	7	6	6	20	18	74
Southend	38	12	4	2	32	19	10	1	9	29	27	71
Bolton	40	12	5	4	31	18	8	5	6	24	27	70
Tranmere	40	11	5	4	34	18	8	4	8	22	24	66
Bury	40	12	4	3	35	22	6	7	8	26	28	65
Huddersfld	41	13	3	5	36	20	5	8	7	18	24	65
Cambridge	35	9	4	4	27	20	8	5	5	27	19	60
Brentford	38	11	4	5	28	18	5	8	5	22	22	60
Bournemth	39	12	5	2	33	18	4	7	9	18	31	60
Wigan	39	12	2	5	34	18	5	5	10	27	31	58
Bradford	38	11	3	7	34	22	5	6	6	20	24	57
Birmingham	40	7	8	4	19	17	7	7	7	21	28	57
Stoke	40	8	6	6	33	28	7	5	8	18	24	56
Exeter	40	11	6	3	31	13	4	2	14	21	32	53
L Orient	36	14	1	4	30	15	2	4	11	13	32	53
Reading	37	9	4	5	28	22	6	3	10	18	25	52
Preston	39	10	5	6	30	26	4	3	11	17	31	50
Chester	38	8	2	9	20	22	4	5	10	17	25	43
Swansea	37	7	5	6	27	27	4	2	13	13	32	40
Mansfield	39	5	6	8	19	20	3	5	12	19	32	35
Shrewsbury	36	5	6	7	18	17	3	3	12	28	38	33
Fulham	38	7	5	6	21	19	0	7	13	10	32	33
Rotherham	38	4	8	7	23	30	3	2	14	14	43	31
Crewe	37	4	8	6	27	28	3	1	15	22	41	30

BASS IRISH CUP: Semi-final: Glenavon 3, Glentoran 1.

Fourth division

BURNLEY (0) 1	TORQUAY (0) 1
Futcher 58 (pen) 6,861	Smith 50
CARLISLE (0) 0	SCUNTHRPE (3) 3
1,909	Hill 5 Hine 18 Dalziel 41 og
DARLINGTN (0) 2	SCARBORO (1) 1
Toman 68 Borthwick 77	Foreman 34 3,962
HALIFAX (0) 1	CARDIFF (1) 2
Juryeff 85 1,364	Pike 30 Heard 74
HEREFORD (1) 1	DONCASTER (1) 1
Brain 13 2,013	Noteman 6
LINCOLN (0) 0	BLACKPOOL (1) 1
4,003	Bamber 8
MAIDSTONE (0) 0	ROCHDALE (0) 1
1,340	Milner 80
NORTHPTN (1) 2	GILLINGHAM (1) 1
Berry 14 Chard 90	Trusson 28 (pen) 2,993
PETERBORO (2) 3	ALDERSHOT (1) 2
Oakes 13 Gavin 36 Cooper 79 5,543	Yanushevski 5 Henry 71
STOCKPORT (3) 3	CHESTRFLD (1) 1
Kilner 30 Beaumont 32 Matthews 42	Turnbull 13 3,044
WALSALL (0) 0	HARTLPOOL (0) 1
2,758	Allon 89
YORK (0) 0	WREXHAM (0) 0
1,490	

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Darlington	40	12	6	2	32	12	7	9	4	27	22	72
Peterboro	38	10	7	1	29	14	7	7	6	23	24	65
Northamptn	38	14	4	2	32	13	4	7	7	17	25	65
Blackpool	37	12	3	3	44	14	6	5	8	20	23	62
Stockport	38	12	6	1	42	15	4	7	8	20	23	61
Hartlepool	37	10	4	3	24	11	8	3	9	28	31	61
Burnley	38	13	5	1	37	15	4	4	11	19	32	60
Doncaster	37	11	3	4	31	16	5	7	7	19	20	58
Scunthorpe	37	14	4	1	43	16	2	6	10	17	31	58
Scarboro	39	10	5	5	30	19	5	7	7	21	27	57
Cardiff	38	10	4	5	25	19	5	8	6	15	22	57
Rochdale	38	8	8	3	25	17	5	6	8	20	26	53
Torquay	35	9	6	2	22	9	3	10	5	19	25	52
Lincoln	39	9	6	5	25	23	4	6	9	14	30	51
Gillingham	38	8	8	4	30	22	3	9	6	21	23	50
Hereford	38	8	10	2	28	13	3	3	12	16	31	46
Walsall	41	6	11	4	20	14	4	5	11	19	32	46
Carlisle	40	10	3	8	23	28	1	5	13	14	46	41
York	39	6	6	8	18	21	3	7	9	21	27	40
Chesterfld	38	6	11	2	25	21	3	2	14	10	30	40
Maidstone	36	7	3	8	37	31	3	4	11	17	30	37
Halifax	39	6	6	8	28	26	2	4	13	22	44	34
Wrexham	38	6	5	7	23	26	2	3	15	14	34	32
Aldershot	36	5	7	6	32	37	2	3	13	20	45	31
Maidstone	36	7	3	8	37	31	3	4	11	17	30	37
Halifax	39	6	6	8	26	26	2	4	13	22	44	34
Wrexham	38	6	5	7	23	26	2	3	15	14	34	32
Aldershot	36	5	7	6	32	37	2	3	13	20	45	31

GM Vauxhall Conference

BOSTON (0) 0	BARROW (1) 2
1,062	Cowperthwaite 44 Wheatley 72
CHELTENHM (0) 0	BATH (0) 0
965	
FISHER ATH (0) 0	RUNCORN (0) 1
348	Shaughnessy 74
KETTERING (1) 2	TELFORD (3) 5
Bancroft 31 Graham 78 2,068	Benbow 4 5 49 57 Langford 36
MERTHYR (0) 0	GATESHEAD (2) 2
537	Allen 4 Bell 17

(abandoned half-time - waterlogged pitch)

SUTTON UTD (0) 0	STAFFORD R (1) 3
712	Tuohy 41 64 Devlin 87
WELLING (0) 0	MACCLSFLD (0) 0
658	
YEOVIL (5) 7	SLOUGH (1) 2
Wilson 10 42 Anderson 23 og Fry 35 Batty 37 McDermott 56 (pen) Conning 62	Sessions 45 Thompson 68 2,311

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Altrincham	33	10	4	2	41	17	11	5	1	34	17	72
Barnet	35	11	4	3	42	17	10	4	3	41	23	71
Colchester	35	12	3	1	30	10	9	5	5	27	20	71
Kettering	35	10	4	3	29	15	10	5	3	27	20	69
Wycombe	36	12	3	2	37	13	5	7	7	27	28	61
Telford	35	9	3	5	24	16	8	4	6	27	25	58
Macclesfld	35	9	4	5	32	18	4	8	5	19	24	51
Runcorn	37	11	4	3	38	23	3	5	11	20	35	51
Merthyr	33	8	4	6	32	20	5	3	7	21	31	46
Welling	33	7	9	4	31	25	4	2	7	13	18	44
Barrow	34	7	7	2	27	19	4	4	10	22	35	44
Stafford R	36	6	6	5	25	22	4	5	10	16	22	41
Slough	37	9	3	7	27	28	3	2	13	18	48	41
Boston	35	7	4	6	35	28	3	6	9	14	31	40
Yeovil	35	7	5	6	32	26	3	4	10	14	25	39
Cheltenham	35	6	6	5	20	22	3	6	9	20	39	39
Sutton Utd	36	6	5	8	27	29	4	3	10	28	38	38
Northwich	33	6	6	4	25	24	3	5	9	27	40	38
Kiddermnstr	34	5	4	8	28	29	5	4	8	18	30	38
Gateshead	33	7	3	8	28	37	3	3	9	18	36	36
Bath	35	6	4	7	31	24	1	6	11	14	30	31
Fisher Ath	34	3	6	7	17	22	2	5	11	15	43	26

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 1, Spennymoor 2; North Shields 4, Maltby MW 0; Armthorpe 5, Winterton 1; Brigg 0, Ossett Town 1; Guiseley 2, Ossett Albion 1; Harrogate Railway 2, Denaby 3; North Ferriby 2, Pontefract Coll 0; Sutton Town 3, Thackley 4.

LONDON OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Latymer Old Boys 6, Old Kingsburians 1; Chertsey Old Salesians 3, Old Meadonians 2; Cardinal Manning Old Boys 3, Glyn Old Boys 2; Old Aloysians 1, Enfield Old Grammarian 2; Old Ignatians 0, Norseman 4.

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

ABERDEEN (1) 1	CELTIC (0) 0
Jess 19	22,000
HEARTS (2) 4	DUNFRLNE (0) 1
Robertson 4 70 Crabbe 23 McKinlay 84	Smith 82 8,012
RANGERS (0) 0	HIBERNIAN (0) 0
35,507	

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	31	11	3	1	34	8	9	4	3	21	12	47
Aberdeen	31	10	5	1	25	6	8	4	3	27	17	45
Dundee Utd	30	9	3	4	24	14	6	4	4	13	9	37
Celtic	31	8	4	4	24	13	5	3	7	17	20	33
Hearts	31	9	3	3	25	16	3	4	9	17	31	31
St Johnstne	30	5	3	6	19	19	5	5	6	17	24	28
Motherwell	30	6	5	4	23	18	2	4	9	17	25	25
Dunfermline	31	4	6	5	18	19	3	4	9	14	27	24
Hibernian	31	4	5	7	13	25	0	7	8	7	24	20
St Mirren	30	3	5	7	13	23	1	3	11	11	29	16

Tennents Scottish Cup Semi-final

DUNDEE U (1) 2	ST JOHNSTN (1) 1
Clark 40 Ferguson 60	Curran 44 16,560

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 2, Wokingham 2; Bishop's Stortford 0, Aylesbury 2; Bognor 0, Wivenhoe 2; Carshalton 1, Hendon 0; Dagenham 2, Kingstonian 2; Grays 0, Harrow 2; Hayes 2, Redbridge Forest 0; Marlow 1, Leyton-Wingate 0; St Albans 2, Staines 2; Windsor and Eton 0, Enfield 3; Woking 0, Barking 0. First division: Aveley 2, Metropolitan Police 1; Boreham Wood 1, Chalfont St Peter 0; Chesham 2, Yeading 2; Dorking 4, Worthing 0; Dulwich 0, Molesey 0; Harlow 0, Croydon 2; Lewes 0, Wembley 1; Southwick 0, Walton and Hersham 2; Tooting and Mitcham 2, Hitchin 1; Uxbridge 1, Bromley 1; Whyteleafe 0, Heybridge Swifts 1. Second division south: Abingdon 0, Maidenhead 1; Camberley 0, Eastbourne 3; Chertsey 2, Petersfield 1; Egham 1, Banstead 3; Hampton 0, Cove 1; Harefield 2, Hungerford 1; Horsham 3, Feltham 0; Leatherhead 0, Flackwell Heath 1; Newbury 2, Malden Vale 0; Ruislip Manor 2, Epsom and Ewell 0; Southall 5, Bracknell 1. Second division north: Basildon 0, Berkhamsted 4; Collier Row 1, Barton 3; Edgware 1, Purfleet 2; Hemel Hempstead 1, Hornchurch 0; Kingsbury 1, Royston 1; Rainham 2, Tring 1; Saffron Walden 0, Tilbury 2; Stevenage 7, Finchley 0; Vauxhall Motors 1, Billericay 3; Ware 6, Clapton 0; Witham 2, Hertford 4.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Final: Old Carthusians 1, Old Reptonians 1. Premier division: Old Malvernians 0, Old Brentwoods 2. First division: Old Cholmeleians 1, Old Haileyburians 1.

First division

AYR UTD (0) 0	CLYDEBANK (0) 1
1,777	Eadie 75
CLYDE (0) 0	FORFAR (1) 1
600	McKenna 16
DUNDEE (1) 1	MORTON (0) 0
Wright 18	2,515
FALKIRK (1) 2	BRECHIN (1) 1
McWilliams 17 70 (pen)	Ritchie 8 4,000
HAMILTON (0) 0	PARTICK (1) 1
2,627	Bell 6
MEADWBNK (0) 0	AIRDRIE (1) 1
1,063	Harvey 35
RAITH R (0) 1	KLMARNCK (1) 2
McStay 75 1,761	Williamson 42 Campbell 58

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Falkirk	34	10	3	4	32	15	8	7	2	28	16	46
Airdrie	33	7	4	5	26	19	9	6	2	33	22	42
Dundee	33	10	3	4	27	15	8	3	5	23	17	42
Partick	32	5	5	5	20	21	8	7	2	27	19	38
Kilmarnock	33	10	4	3	30	19	4	6	6	17	23	38
Hamilton	34	7	6	4	20	15	6	4	7	18	20	36
Raith R	33	7	5	5	20	21	5	4	7	28	34	33
Meadowbank	33	4	6	6	21	21	6	6	5	29	25	32
Morton	31	6	7	3	24	15	3	4	8	16	28	29
Clydebank	34	5	5	7	32	35	5	4	8	20	28	29
Forfar	34	5	7	5	25	24	2	6	9	15	26	27
Ayr Utd	32	5	6	5	28	22	3	4	9	13	28	26
Clyde	32	4	4	8	20	28	3	4	9	15	23	22
Brechin	34	3	4	10	18	32	4	4	9	20	36	22

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon 0, Alnwick 1; Gretna 2, Peterlee Newtown 1; Guisborough 1, Newcastle Blue Star 0; Northallerton 3, Consett 1; Murton 3, Whitby 3; Shildon 1, Seaham Red Star 2; South Bank 0, Durham 0; Stockton 1, Billingham Synthonia 2; Tow Law 2, Blyth Spartans 2; Whickham 0, Ferryhill 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 0, Saltash 3; Chippenham 2, Exmouth 1; Liskeard Athletic 1, Tiverton 3; Mangotsfield 2, Ottery St Mary 0; Paulton 0, Bideford 0; Plymouth Argyle 4, Weston super Mare 1; Radstock 3, Barnstable 4; Taunton 0, Welton 2; Torrington 6, Frome 0.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Ashton Utd 4, Maine Road (Man) 0; Bacup Borough 1, Penrith 1; Clitheroe 1, Atherton LR 1; Knowsley 3, Bootle 2; Leyland DAF 0, Darwen 0; Nantwich 1, Colwyn Bay 1; Salford 1, Eastwood Hanley 1; Vauxhall GM 0, Prescot 2.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic 1, Halstead 1; Clacton 3, Thetford 1; Felixstowe 0, Wroxham 1, Gorleston 0, Braintree 2; Haverhill 5, Newmarket 0; Histon 3, Harwich and Parkeston 1; Wisbech 2, Chatteris 0.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Mill Hill Village 3, Old Finchleians 4; Old Bealonians 4, Parkfield 1; Southgate County 4, Colposa 0.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Bank of England 2, Royal Bank of Scotland 1; Brentham 1, Alleyn Old Boys 2; Ibis 3, Barclays Bank 2; Lloyds Bank 0, Lensbury 1; Old Bromleians 0, Southgate Olympic 2; Old Esthameians 4, Carshalton 2; Old Stationers 3, Civil Service 3; Reigate Priory 0, Alexandra Park 1; South Bank Polytechnic 3, Old Lyonians 0; Winchmore Hill 0, Nat West Bank 1.

Second division

ALBION R (0) 2	QN OI
Ferguson 55 Henderson 61	Fraser 248
ALLOA (1) 2	ARBR
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Alloa	34	8	3	6	25	19
E Fife	34	7	7	3	29	22
Dumbarton	33	5	8	4	18	19
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Eintracht Frankfurt 1; VfB Stu
Pauli 1; FC Kaiserslaut
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scheid 0; Werder Bremen 6, I
Karlsruhe 2, Bayer Leverku
Düsseldorf 3, FC Nurembe
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32; 3, Bayern Munich, 31.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Florentin
Inter Milan 5, Bari 1; AS Ro
Atalanta 4, Bologna 0; Ces
Lecce 0, AC Milan 3; Parm
Sampdoria 2, Cagliari 2; Tor
Leading positions: 1, Sam
27, 40 pts; 2, Internazionale,
Milan, 27, 36.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Spor
Seville 0; Real Burgos 1, Ben

FRENCH LEAGUE: Paris
Monaco 2; Auxerre 3, Caen 0
Lille 2; Sochaux 0, Cannes 0;
1; Nice 1, Lyons 1; Rennes
Etienne 1, Toulouse 4; Nancy
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FORECAST: Dividends will be fair with 11 score draws and five no-score draws. Claims for 24 points required.

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CRICKET

est day employed in an attempt to nake up lost time

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN PORT OF SPAIN

er is doing its best t the third Test veen West Indies lia, sponsored by Vireless, comes to nly 31 overs were the first two days, the second of them eavy that it was t evening to abandon lay's play. Instead y and play today, been scheduled as

h an *old stager* as ez has never seen in the state that it turday afternoon. he *outfield* were hes under water. what they call the ", *though that has* ne, before now, not the right name for

t series has its own aying conditions, advance by the volved *and not as* as the Laws of ually included is a or making up lost time, with special reference to playing on the rest day when there is one. Just over a year ago, in Sydney, Australia and Pakistan went so far as to add a sixth day to their third and last Test match after the first two had been washed *out*. Although it proved abortive, it was good public relations.

In the present instance the conditions say: "Play shall take place on the rest day, conditions and circumstances *permitting, should a full day's* play be lost on either the first, second or third scheduled days of play." Although there was some play on the first two days, yesterday's abandonment opened the way to playing today, another case of promoting the game propitiously. Surprisingly enough, the pitch seems to have come through Saturday's torrent more or less intact, which lessens the chances of anything dramatic occurring today, and, therefore, of the match ending, on Wednesday, in anything but a draw.

With the first Test match in Kingston blighted by inadequate covering, the second in Georgetown flawed by the umpires not knowing one of the game's less obscure rules, and now this in Port of Spain, the series seems fated. Yesterday there was still more rain. Even so, something quite significant may already have occurred in what play there has been.

Australia's score of 75 for one may not seem much, but it represents, I believe, a shift in the psychological balance, which could count for something in the two remainings Tests. In the heavy conditions in which *those runs* were made West Indies, having chosen to bowl, would certainly have hoped for, and expected, more than Marsh's wicket — especially after their crushing victory in Georgetown.

It is not only because Australia are a match behind in the series that Border was probably the keener of the two captains to play today.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

G R Marsh c Hooper b Ambrose	10
M A Taylor not out	35
D C Boon not out	18
Extras (lb 7, nb 5)	12
Total (1 wkt)	75

*A R Border, D M Jones, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, †I A Healy, C J McDermott, M G Hughes and B A Reid to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-38.

BOWLING: Ambrose 11-3-19-1 (nb 2); Patterson 5-2-7-0 (nb 1); Marshall 10-3-34-0 (nb 2); Walsh 5-2-8-0.

WEST INDIES: *I V A Richards, D L Haynes, C G Greenidge, R B Richardson, C L Hooper, A L Logie, †P J L Dujon, C E L Ambrose, M D Marshall, B P Patterson, C A Walsh.

Umpires: L Barker and D Archer.

icket row resolved

ARH, India (Reu- ne Punjab Cricket (PCA) is withdraw- action against the ket authorities and of the much-delayed y championship.

ry the Delhi and ricket Association umpire during the een Delhi and Pun- the consent of the Punjab captain. The subsequent dispute has delayed the championship by more than a month.

Punjab, who lost the match by nine wickets, went to court to conbtest a decision by the Board of Control for Cricket in India to order a replay. A Patiala court awarded Punjab the match but another hearing was set for April 11 to decide whether a replay should take place.

ROWING

edgrave sculls easy success

By MIKE ROSEWELL

grave, Britain's top n the Scullers Head ke to Putney with rday. He last won it has spent more time g boat recently, his l pairs partner, Mat- t, having been in- Oxford Boat's Race

who was rating a he approached the pleased with his He was com- about the attention ved from Leander's ch, Jürgen *Gröbler*. nderson, the defend- n, left the Notting- Larkin, Smith and l astern. Redgrave, eventh, overtook ers and finished 20 ead of his closest Van Bellegham.

th, of Nottingham tweight winner for he last nine years, his title to Andrew Molesey, whose m a start place of *vas noteworthy with* eteriorating.

ley, who lost his Race with Cam- year and hoped to elona, also made a np, from 227 to

Anne Marden, back from successful United States trials, retained the women's title for the fourth year. She was pushed hard by Ali Gill, the stroke of the British four in 1990.

LEADING FINISHERS: 1, S Redgrave (Marlow), 21min 32.8sec; 2, W. Van Belleghem (Bel), 21:52.4; 3, O Wade Hall Craggs (Tideway Scullers), 21:53.7; 4, R Henderson (Leander), 21:55.5; 5, A Sinton (Molesey), 22:03 (lightweight winner); 6, R Brown (Durham Univ), 22:04.3; 7, T Hessian (Nottingham and Union), 22:10.3 (senior three winner); 8, J Garmen (Kingston), 22:11.3; 9, N Staite (Evesham), 22:11.8 (second lightweight); 10, I Pritchard (Thames), 22:13 (senior one winner).

OTHER DIVISION WINNERS: Services: R Melloy (Royal Engineers), 23min 12sec. Apprentice: J McCarthy (Poplar and Blackwall), 23:20. Lightweight senior one: R Everington (Walton), 22:46. Lightweight senior three: S Pearson (Nottingham Co), 23:13. Novice: A Butt (London), 22:48. Open restricted: B Cams (Globe), 24:39. Novice restricted: P Cracknell (Shoreham), 28:12. Junior: C Elmitt (St Paul's), 23:4. Junior 16: G Smith (Westminster), 23:40.

WOMEN: A Marden (Thames Tradesmen), 23min 21sec; 2, A Gill (Upper Thames), 23:29; 3, R Hurst (Nottingham BC), 23:49. Senior one: T Williams (Nottingham Co), 24:27. Senior two: S Kay (Thames), 24:19. Senior three: C Christie (Thames), 25:41. Junior: A Whittingham (Women's RC), 26:1. Novice: A Burford (Kingston), 26:25.

Johnson tops poll

Larry Johnson, a 6ft 7in forward from the Nevada-Las Vegas University, has been named the US college basketball player of the year in a poll of 1,000 journalists and broadcasters.

GOLF

Birkin's treble a record

PAUL Birkin, a four-handicap player from the home club, had several causes for satisfaction in partnering Stephen Cox to a one-hole victory over the holders, Andrew Hession and Nigel Furniss, in the Central England men's foursomes at Woodhall Spa yesterday (John Hennessy writes). He is the first player to win the trophy three times and preserved his record, with George Moore in 1984 and 1985, of two wins in succession.

It was a superb final played on level terms. There was never more than a hole in it and the lead changed hands four times before Birkin and his one-handicap student partner, aged 19, went ahead for the last time at the 17th.

RESULTS: Third round: M Young and D *Leggate bt T Dike and T Clarke*, 4 and 3; M A Caswell and S J Caswell bt L Walker and P Huddlestone, 2 and 1; S J Cox and P R Birkin bt Cole and R Beeloe, 3 and 2; I Whyatt and I Gretton bt I G Black and D E Roocroft, at the 20th; A Hession and N Furniss w/o M G St Quinton and M Farrell, scr; N Martin and C Bee bt G L Cox and D C Bell, 2 and 1; J Arnold and A Varty bt G D Seeley and M A Strong, 4 and 3; R Chappell and W M *Hopkinson bt R G Butlin and T Wolstenholme*, 3 and 2. Fourth round: Caswells bt Young and Leggate, 2 and 1. Cox and Birkin bt Whyatt and Gretton, 3 and 2; Hession and Furniss bt Martin and Bee, 2 and 1; Arnold and Varty bt Chappell and Hopkinson, 2 and 1. Semi-final: Cox and Birkin bt Caswells, at the 23rd; Hession and Furniss bt Arnold and Varty, 2 and 1. Final: Cox and Birkin bt Hession and Furniss, 2 and 1.

Y LEAGUE

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olidated fifth place use, Ford scoring d Irving 20 points goals and a try. rthern extinguished ering promotion 6.

R CHAMPIONSHIP: First 28, Hull 18, Featherstone Sheffield 13, Widnes 18, elens 22; Warrington 22,

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27	20	2	5	481	352	42
27	16	1	8	483	308	37
26	17	1	8	538	338	35
26	16	0	10	469	368	32
26	15	2	8	398	308	32
26	14	2	10	571	405	30
27	12	2	13	504	424	26
27	13	0	14	400	574	26
26	12	1	13	455	435	25
26	12	0	14	440	530	24
26	10	0	16	371	412	20
27	10	0	17	496	579	20
28	10	0	18	397	495	20
27	8	1	18	396	686	17
27	7	1	19	379	708	15
26	5	1	20	332	684	11
27	3	1	23	337	755	7
26	2	0	24	281	879	4

CHRIS COLE

Driving ahead: Williamson, left, of Hounslow, escapes the attentions of Havant's Williams at Luton yesterday

Hounslow earn cup revenge

Hounslow	3
Havant	2

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

HAVANT'S hopes of the season's double were dramatically extinguished despite a courageous fightback against Hounslow in the final of the Nationwide Anglia hockey Cup at Luton Town football *club yesterday*.

A deficit of three goals might have appeared too steep a hill for Havant to climb but they scored twice in the last eight minutes and came close to squaring the match from a short corner.

Hounslow, however, were not to be denied their moment of glory. They showed wonderful character and temperament after losing 3-1 on the previous day at Feltham to Havant, who made sure of the first division league title.

The errors which Hounslow had made in that match were rectified, with Potter holding the defence together in one of his finest games of the season. His performance earned him the man-of-the-match award.

Finding the space which was denied them on the previous day, Hounslow shot into a 2-0 lead with a goal in the fifth minute by Robert Thompson, from a short corner, and another by Gordon five minutes later. Picking up a through pass from Rees, Gor*don tore into the circle* and placed the ball beyond the reach of Rowlands in goal.

The memory of what happened in the League Cup final on May 6 last year was soon revived. Then, Havant wiped out Hounslow's 2-0 advantage to win 3-2, but the picture changed this time with Hounslow going further ahead. Rees, having been impeded near goal, earned Hounslow a penalty stroke which Potter converted in the 51 minute.

Havant, however, were far from finished. Much of the spark that had been brought back into their attack was provided by Faulkner, who moved up from right back to help the forwards. However, it was a late substitution that started Havant's transformation. Goldring *replaced* Coleman and scored both Havant's goals, the first indirectly from a short corner in the 62nd minute and the second three minutes later from a back-pass by Williams, who came in at high speed along the line.

The Hounslow defence then had several anxious moments but managed to hold out to provide a tremulous climax for the crowd of 1,700 who saw Hounslow win the trophy for the fourth time. Havant won it last year.

HOUNSLOW: R Purvis; M Williamson, J Potter (capt), S Hazlitt, P Bolland, J Rees, D Hacker, A Ferns, N Gordon, R Thompson, A Thompson (sub: M Allcock).

HAVANT: S Rowlands; D Faulkner (capt), D Roberts, R Hill, P Nail, S Lawson, M Coleman (sub: J Goldring), R Garcia, D Williams, C Cooper, S Avery (sub: G Roberts).

Umpires: R Webb (Eastern Counties) and R Ford (Southern Counties).

☐ Indian Gymkhana's challenge for the Poundstretcher National League ended at Feltham on Saturday when they lost 4-3 to Slough (Sydney Friskin writes).

Leading 3-2, Gymkhana conceded two goals in the last two minutes to hand the title to Havant who, on the adjoining pitch, had beaten Hounslow 3-1.

Bugsey Soor, Kulbir Bhaura and Daved, from a penalty stroke, *scored for Gymkhana*, with Kirkland (two from short corners), Maskery and Bambury replying for Slough.

Hill scored twice for Havant, from a penalty stroke and a short corner, with Nail adding to the score. Hounslow's goal was scored in the third minute by Robert Thompson from a short corner.

Bournville, Trojans and Lyons made sure of promotion to the first division next season. Firebrands will join them if they at least draw with Warrington next weekend.

EQUESTRIANISM

Tait in fine fettle for Badminton

By JENNY MACARTHUR

BLYTH Tait, New Zealand's world three-day event champion, had a convincing win on Messiah, his world champion horse, in the Pedigree Chum Superleague section of the Belton horse trials in Lincolnshire yesterday.

Tait, a winner at Ston Easton last month, also received £1,000 for finishing at the head of the Superleague series.

The excellent going and well-built course at *Belton* produced the most competitive event of the season, with many leading riders using the trials as a preparation for Badminton next month when Tait, runner-up last year before going on to win the world championship in Stockholm, is likely to start favourite.

Virginia Leng, the European champion, confirmed her form with two excellent performances on her Badminton horses. Griffin won his section, incurring just three time penalties across country, while on Master Craftsman, her top horse, Leng finished runner-up to Tait.

Richard Walker, who was third in the Superleague section on Jacana, had one of the most impressive cross country performances of the day. The partnership, third at Burghley last year, will attempt Badminton for the first time this year.

Mark Todd, reunited with his former horse, Balhua, while the new owner, Mandy Stibbe, recovers from an accident, won the advanced section L, four points ahead of Chaka and Judy Herbert.

RESULTS (GB unless stated): Pedigree *Chum Superleague section X: Messiah* (B Tait, NZ), 31; Master Craftsman (V Leng), 36; Jacana (R Walker), 37. Advanced section K: Griffin (V Leng), 32; Heyday II (M Todd, NZ), 35; Hot Potato (L Murray, GB), 40. Advanced section L: Bahlua (M Todd), 37; Chaka (J Herbert), 41; Wholly Grace (S Irvine), 42. Advanced section M: Smithstown Lad (K Gifford), 34; Murphy Himself (I Stark), 41; Welton Houdini, (V Leng) 44.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Altrincham rue defensive lapses

Wycombe Wdrs	2
Altrincham	1

By WALTER GAMMIE

WHETHER Wycombe Wanderers will be able to hold on to their advantage from the FA Trophy semi-final first leg will be seen at Moss Lane next Saturday.

What is certain is that Alan Parry, the television com*mentator* and director, and Martin O'Neill, the manager, will not be able to take the field before the match wielding a microphone to stir the passions of the home spectators.

Altrincham, as befits the GM Vauxhall Conference form team, looked *the steadier side*, most threateningly when feeding Paul Showler on the left. His free kick after six minutes was headed in by Paul Rowlands to give Altrincham the lead.

Wycombe showed flashes of flair in attack and twice profited from howlers in Altrincham's defence.

After 11 minutes, Carroll was presented with the ball by Wiggins, rode a challenge by McCarrick and put away a left-foot shot into the far corner. In *the 72nd minute, Wealands*, Altrincham's 39-year-old goalkeeper, failed to make a clean catch. Scott prised the ball free from Wealand's legs after he fell and pushed in Wycombe's vital second goal.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: J Granville; M Crossley, S Cash, A Kerr, G Creaser, D Carroll, K Ryan, S Stapleton, M West (sub: A Robinson), K Scott, S Guppy (sub. S Hutchinson)

ALTRINCHAM: J Wealands; T Miller, H Wiggins, P Rowlands, M McCarrick, G Anderson, N Shaw, N Daws, J Brady, K McKenna, P Showler.

Referee: J Moules

☐ Kidderminster Harriers won *the first leg of the other semi*-final, against Witton Albion, by 1-0, the goal coming from Mark Whitehouse in the 87th minute. Andrew Lee of Witton was sent off after 16 minutes following an off-the-ball clash with Whitehouse.

SNOOKER

Davis in chase for crucial prize

By STEVE ACTESON

STEVE Davis, who was yesterday attempting to defend the only tournament title currently in his possession, the Benson and Hedges *Irish* Masters was grounded by John Parrott after making a flying start at Goffs, Co Kildare.

At the main interval Davis, who had won the first four frames was ahead by only one at 4-3 with a further ten scheduled frames to come in the struggle to win not only the first prize of £36,000 but also to gain the important psychological fillip of winning the last big event before the world championship begins on April 20.

Neither Davis nor Parrott have had a happy season but on Saturday Parrott defeated Dennis Taylor by 6-2 before Davis recovered from 3-0 down to take a 5-3 lead over Jimmy White in a superb second semi-final. White levelled at 5-5 but his glaring miss on the brown in the decider sent Davis into his first final since early December.

Davis seemed to have carried his renewed confidence into yesterday's final with his early successes, especially when he recovered from 64-0 down to win the second frame with an eventual clearance of 38, having earlier needed a snooker only for Parrott to oblige by giving away 11 points in unforced foul shots.

RESULTS: Semi-final: J Parrott (Eng) bt D Taylor (N Ire) 6-2. Final: Davis leads Parrott 4-3. Frame scores (Davis first): 77-24, 89-25, 68-65, 71-0, 35-47, 22-65, 0-87.

IN BRIEF

Opie folds to Devoy

LISA Opie's hopes of beating *the world women's squash rack*ets champion, Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, in the last important competition before the British Open foundered in Paris yesterday seemingly under tension at the prospect of winning.

Devoy won the 56-minute final of the French Open 8-15, 15-11, 15-9, 15-11, saying of her opponent's strong start: "She can't keep it up."

CRICKET: William Harold Ponsford, who scored seven centuries in his 29-Test career for Australia, died in his sleep at a nursing home north of Melbourne on Saturday, aged 90, his son said yesterday.

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CYCLING: Steve Farrell won his third successive Archer Grand Prix near Beaconsfield yesterday, edging Mark Gornall in the 107-mile race.

ATHLETICS: Steve Cram ran the fastest lap, in 14min 10sec, around the 5km course in the Gosforth Park road relay championship on Saturday.

FENCING: Lucy Harris, of Salle Paul, won the De Beaumont International cup at Derby on Saturday, beating Linda Strachen in two straight bouts.

TENNIS: Slazenger Heston deprived Queens of their second successive Vauxhall Indoor *Tennis Trophy title in* Basingstoke yesterday.

VOLLEYBALL: Scotland retained the men's title at the British Volley Ball Federation championships in Sheffield last night, beating England 15-10, 9-15, 11-15, 15-11, 15-8. Eng*land* won the women's title for the fourth successive year, beating British students 15-11, 15-13, 14-16, 15-6.

MOTOR CYCLING: Wayne Rainey, the world champion, won the Australian 500cc grand prix yesterday in Sydney.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BARLEY, Burnley: Pendle Fell (4½ miles): 1, B Hussain (Stockport H), 30min 04sec; 2, K Anderson (Ambleside), 30:10; 3, C Donnelly (Eryri), *30:28*. *Women:* 1, K *Drake* (Spanborough), 29:01.

BATTERSEA PARK: Women's inter-club: 1, Epsom and Ewell, 220.5pts; 2, Kingston and Polytechnic, 187; 3, Croydon, 136.

SUTTON PARK: Midland Counties 12-stage road relay championship (46.4 miles): 1, Tipton, 3hr 43min 05sec; 2, Coventry Godiva, 3:48:07; 3, Leicester Coritanian, 3:48:28; 4, Bristol, 3:47:40; 5, Wolverhampton and Bilston, 3:48:59; 6, Westbury, 3:49:21. Veterans (23.2 miles): 1, Tipton, 2hr 03min 16sec; 2, Worcester, 2:03:24; 3, Birchfield, 2:03:45.

BASILDON: Open 50km road walk: 1, L Morton (Sheffield), 4hr 02min 39sec (course record); 2, R Dobson (Ilford), 4:44:54; 3, D Turner (Yorkshire WC), 4:45:58.

BASILDON: Essex 50km road walking championship: 1, R Dobson (Ilford), 4hr 44min 54sec; 2, C Bent (Southend), 5:21:04; 3, S Bennett (Ilford), 5:22:16. Teams: 1, Ilford, 6pts; 2, Southend, 14.

GOSFORTH PARK: Gosforth 4 x 5km road relay: Team: 1, Mandale, 59min 56sec; 2, Jarrow and Hebburn, 1hr 00min 09sec; 3, Wallsend, 1:01:27. Fastest lap: 1, S Cram (Jarrow), 14.10. Women (5km): 1, K Wade (Blaydon), 16min 36sec; 2, L Mein (Tynedale), 17:20; 3, K Mitchell (Tynedale), 17:55. Team: 1, Tynedale, 13pts.

WIMBLEDON VILLAGE: Southern Counties 12-stage road relay (51 miles): Team: 1, Aldershot, Farnham and District, 4hr 09min 09sec; 2, Highgate Harriers, 4:11:12; 3, Boshill Racers, 4:12:2; 4, Shaftesbury Barnet, 4:12:39; 5, Blackheath Harriers, 4:13:42; 6, Belgrave Harriers, 4:14:13.

DERBY: Northern Counties AA 12-stage relay (54 miles): 1, Copeland, 4hr 00min 48sec; 2, Sale, 4:01:13; 3, Bingley, 4:2:58. Fastest lap (six miles): D Lewis (Rossendale), 25min 19sec.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Cleveland Cavaliers 104, Charlotte Hornets 101; Portland Trail Blazers 115, Orlando Magic 98; San Antonio Spurs 110, Chicago Bulls 107; Detroit Pistons 101, Minnesota Timberwolves 82; Utah Jazz 93, Dallas Mavericks 87; Indiana Pacers 117, Washington Bullets 103; Houston Rockets 126, Denver Nuggets 120; Golden State Warriors 118, Phoenix Suns 101; Los Angeles Clippers 109, Seattle SuperSonics 90; Los Angeles Lakers 109, Miami Heat 87. Saturday: Cleveland Cavaliers 104, Charlotte Hornets 101; Portland Trail Blazers 115, Orlando Magic 98; San Antonio Spurs 110, Chicago Bulls 107; Detroit Pistons 101, Minnesota Timberwolves 82; Utah Jazz 93, Dallas Mavericks 87; Indiana Pacers 117, Washington Bullets 103, Houston Rockets 126, Denver Nuggets 120, Golden State Warriors 118, Phoenix Suns 101, Los Angeles Clippers 109, Seattle SuperSonics 90; Los Angeles Lakers 108, Miami Heat 87.

SPEEDWAY

GOLD CUP: First division: Belle Vue 55, Berwick 35, Berwick 56, Coventry 33. Second division: Edinburgh 52, Long Eaton 38, Peterborough 65, Arena Essex 24.

CHALLENGE MATCH: Hackney 54, Eastbourne 36.

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: English indoor national championships: Fours: First round: Paddington bt Peterborough, 28-18; Gateshead bt Essex *County*, 25-15; *Five Rivers, Salisbury bt Handy* Cross, 13-12; Thornaby bt Bodmin, 22-19; Exonia bt Thamesdown, 20-15; Hull bt Welchet, 26-19; Ipswich bt Coventry, 24-17; Clarrie Dunbar bt Hartlepool, 21-17. Second round: Hull bt Exonia, 29-16; Ipswich bt Clarrie Dunbar, 23-15; Paddington bt Gateshead, 18-17; Five Rivers bt Thornaby, 18-17; Roundwood bt Mote Park, Maidstone, 24-15; Nottingham bt Wey Valley, Guildford, 31-13; Preston, Brighton bt Ely, 19-16; Cyphers, Beckenham bt Wellingborough, 25-14. Quarter-finals: Preston bt Cyphers, 20-10; Five Rivers bt Paddington, 24-20; Nottingham bt Roundwood, Norwich, 25-16; Ipswich bt Hull, 28-12.

BOXING

MARSEILLES: WBA super-middleweight championship: Victor Cordoba (Pan) bt Christophe Tiozzo (Fr, holder), rsc 9th rnd.

BANGKOK: WBA junior bantamweight championship: Khaosai Galaxy (Thailand) bt Park Jae-Suk (S Kor), rsc 5th rnd.

DARLINGTON: IBF inter-continental cruiserweight championship: James Pritchard (US) bt Siza Makhathini (SA), disq 5th rnd. Heavyweight (8 rnds): Corrie Sanders (SA) bt Steve Gee (Birmingham), rsc 4th rnd; (6 rnds): Paddy Riley (Rotherham) bt John Harewood (Newcastle), rsc 2nd rnd. Super-feather (6 rnds): Darren Elsdon (Hartlepool) bt Harry Escott (Sunderland), rsc 2nd rnd. Feather (8 rnds): Tommy Smith (Darlington) bt Paul Wynn (Newcastle), pts. Light (6 rnds): Alan Hall (Darlington) bt Alan Peacock (Cumbernauld), pts; (4 rnds): James Hunter (Middlesbrough) drew with Doug Esteban (US).

CYCLING

NORTHERN IRELAND MILK RACE: Fifth stage (Dungannon to Belfast): 1, R Hughes (Wales), 2hr 18min 11sec; 2, J Bijkerk (Neth), at 03sec; 3, R Prebble (GB), same time; 4, S O'Brien (NW Centre of Excellence), at 39; 5, F Van Der Werff (Neth), at 1min 41sec; 6, R Langley (GB), same time. Final overall: 1, M Kane (Ire), 15:45:26; 2, O'Brien, 15:45:27; 3, Bijkerk, 15:46:40; 4, R Power (Four Provinces), 15:46:54; 5, C Fagium (Swe), 15:47:21; 6, Langley, 15:47:29.

BEACONSFIELD: Archer Grand Prix international (107 miles): 1, S Farrell (Tunstall), 4hr 20min 04sec; 2, M Gornall (Manchester Wh), same time; 3, A Perks (Royal Sutton), at 3sec. King of the Chilterns: 1, W Randle (Dinnington).

VOLLEYBALL

MELBOURNE: International series: China bt Australia, 3-0 (China lead series, 3-1).

SHEFFIELD: BVF championships: Men: Final: Scotland 3, England 2 (15-10, 9-15, 11-15, 15-11, 15-8). 3rd-4th play-off: British Students 3, Republic of Ireland 2 (17-15, 8-15, 15-6, 12-15, 15-13). 5th-6th: Wales 3, Northern Ireland 0 (15-2, 16-14, 15-4). Women: Final: England 3, British Students 1 (15-11, 15-13, 14-16, 15-6). 3rd-4th: Scotland 3, Northern Ireland 1 (15-9, 12-15, 15-9, 15-4). 5th-6th: *Republic of Ireland 3, Wales 1* (13-15, 16-9, 15-10, 15-5).

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromley 1, Cannock 1; Hounslow 1, Havant 3; Indian Gymkhana 3, Slough 4; Old *Loughtonians* 4, *East Grinstead* 1; *Southgate* 3, Neston 1; Teddington 4, St Albans 2; Welton 1, Stourport 2; St Albans 4, Cannock 4; Welton 1, Bromley 2. Second division: Bournville 1, Richmond 2; Gore Court 2, Warrington 2; Reading 3, Cambridge 1.

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Havant	14	11	2	1	43	16	35
Indian Gym	14	9	3	2	22	13	30
Southgate	15	8	1	6	39	27	25
Hounslow	15	7	3	5	40	17	24
E Grinstead	14	7	3	4	26	14	24
O Loughton	14	7	3	4	31	21	24
Stourport	14	6	4	4	29	29	22
Bromley	14	6	3	5	22	22	21
St Albans	15	6	3	6	34	36	21
Teddington	14	6	3	5	19	26	21
Slough	13	6	2	5	23	22	20
Cannock	15	5	3	7	19	29	18
Neston	14	3	3	8	18	32	12
Welton	14	3	1	10	17	27	10
Isca	14	2	0	12	18	35	6
Wakefield	15	1	3	11	12	48	6

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournville	14	10	2	3	33	15	32
Trojans	15	8	5	2	33	22	29
Lyons	15	9	1	5	30	17	28
Firebrands	14	7	6	1	22	10	27
Camb City	15	7	6	2	21	13	27
Reading	15	8	3	4	23	17	27
Harborne	15	7	2	6	32	24	23
Canterbury	15	7	1	7	23	17	22
Bream	15	6	3	6	29	17	21
Gore Court	15	5	4	6	14	22	19
Richmond	15	4	5	6	19	25	17
Guildford	15	5	2	8	21	28	17
Warrington	14	4	4	6	19	22	16
Doncaster	15	4	3	8	25	33	15
Taunton V	14	1	1	12	12	37	4
Broxbourne	15	0	4	11	13	44	4

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier: Old *Tauntonians* 4, Worthing 2. Hampshire and *Surrey regional*: Barnes 0, Gosen 0; Met Police 4, NatWest Bank 1.

NATIONWIDE ANGLIA CUP: Final: Havant 2, Hounslow 3 (at Luton).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Lincolnshire 0, Cambridgeshire 2; Norfolk 6, Bedfordshire 0; Suffolk 3, Hertfordshire 0. Under-21: Lincolnshire 2, Cambridgeshire 3, Norfolk 2, Bedfordshire 2; Suffolk 2, Hertfordshire 1.

MIXED INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 4, Wales 1 (at Luton).

RUGBY UNION

TOVALI WEST WALES CUP FINAL: Glynneath 26, Llandybie 14.

WEST WALES WELSH BREWERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: AEC Aloughor 7, Seven *Sisters 0*; *Ystradgynlais* 16, Pontarddulais 9; SEC Blaugharne 17, Ammanford 21; SEC New Dock Stars 19, Resolven 0; SEC Trebanos 4, Amman Utd 36.

JEWSONS PEMBROKESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP: Cardigan 42, St Davids 3; Haverfordwest 3, Pembroke 7; Llangwm 23, Fishguard 0; Neyland 20, Aberystwyth 7.

LLANELLI AND DIST CHAMPIONS CUP: Quarter-final: New Dock Stars 9, Llanelli 4.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: England Colts 3, Wales Youth 32 (at Fylde).

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Stoke 1, Hull 0

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Newry 3 Linfield 1 *Leading positions (after 26 matches)*: 1, Portadown, 65pts; 2, Bangor, 52; 3, Glentoran, 50. Portadown champions.

BASS IRISH CUP: Semi-final: Ards 1, Portadown 2.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Shelbourne 1, Derry City 0.

LIBERATADORES CUP: Group three: Corinthians (Br) 0, Nacional (Uru) 0. Group four (preliminary round): Cerro Porteno (Par) 0, Universitario (Peru) 0.

GOLF

TUCSON, Arizona: Women's tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 201: C Johnson, 67, 69, 65. 204: J Stephenson (Aus), 69, 70, 65. 208: M Malon, 72, 67, 69; D Andrews, 70, 71, 67. British: 211: S Maynor, 72, 71, 68. 213: K Davies, 68, 74, 71. 217: P Wright, 71, 73, 73. 222: C Pierce, 74, 72, 71.

WEST KILBRIDE: STV Scottish boys' championships: Final (36 holes): C Hislop (Powfoot) bt R Thornton (Cardross), 11 and 9.

BERKHAMSTED: Berkhamsted Trophy: Leading final scores: 141: G Homewood (Ashford Manor), 71, 70. 142: L James (Broadstone), 70, 72; J Payne (Sandilands), 71, 71. 143: D Lee (Wanstead), 71, 72. 145: W Bennett (Ruislip), 70, 75; B Streeter (Sleaford), 73, 72. 146: R Latham (Porters Park), 73, 73. 147: V Phillips (Stoke Poges), 72, 75; M Green (Ashford), 73, 74. 148: R Wilson (Ealing), 73, 75; J Bickerton (Droitwich), 73, 75. 149: S Burnell (Brickendon Grange), 77, 72; P McNally (St Annes), 75, 74; L Westwood (Worksop), 75, 74; J Cook (Leamington and County), 69, 80. 150: C Tingey (Mid Herts), 73, 77; P Warton (John O'Gaunt), 73, 77; I Garbutt (Wheatley), 74, 76; J DuLieu (Ealing), 73, 77.

FENCING

DERBY: De Beaumont International cup: 1, L Harris (Salle Paul); 2, L Strachen (Salle Paul); 3, F McIntosh (Salle Paul); 4, A Ferguson (Ashton).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs: First round: Friday: Boston Bruins 4, Hartford Whalers 3; Montreal Canadiens 5, Buffalo Sabres 4; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, New Jersey Devils 4; Washington Capitals 3, New York Rangers 0. Saturday: Calgary Flames 3, Edmonton Oilers 1; St Louis Blues 4, Detroit Red Wings 2; Chicago Black Hawks 5, Minnesota North Stars 2; Los Angeles Kings 3, Vancouver Canucks 2.

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia: World and European championships: Group B: Italy bt France, 6-1; Yugoslavia bt Japan, 6-1; Poland bt Netherlands 4-1; Austria bt Norway, 3-1. Poland 7, Japan 0. Poland 4, Netherlands 1.

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: Ayr 6, Solihull 5; Nottingham 4, Murrayfield 7; Peterborough 9, Durham 7; Whitley 10, Cardiff 7. Promotion play-offs: Romford 4, Fife 2; Slough 10, Cleveland 7; Swindon 5, Bracknell 9. Qualifying play-offs: Lee Valley 5, Oxford City 3; Milton Keynes 12, Medway 6; Telford 6, Humberside 7.

LACROSSE

READING UNIVERSITY: Women's All-England territorial championships: North 18, Midlands 4; South 6, East 5; West 10, Combined Univs 6; West 9, Midlands 4; South 13, Combined Univs 2; East 11, Midlands 1; North 1, West 5. Final placings: 1, West; 2, South; 3, East; 4, North; 5, Combined Univs; 6, Midlands.

MEN'S BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Hulmeians 4, Stockport 11; Mellor 15, *Old Stopfordians* 10. Second division: Heaton Mersey A 0, Wilmslow 1; Leeds University 0, Rochdale 1; Moorthorpe 8, Ashton 10; Old Waconians A 15, Mellor A 7.

SQUASH RACKETS

PARIS: French open championships: Men: Semi-finals: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt Jansher Khan (Pak), 12-15, 9-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-11; R Martin (Aus) bt C Robertson (Aus), 15-12, 15-10, 15-6. Final: Jahangir Khan bt Martin, 10-15, 15-10, 15-13, 15-9. Women: Semi-finals: S Devoy (NZ) bt E Irving (Aus), 13-15, 15-6, 15-9, 15-6; L Opie (Eng) bt S FitzGerald (Aus), 8-15, 15-8, 15-13, 15-7. Final: Devoy bt Opie, 8-15, 15-11, 15-9, 15-11.

MOTORCYCLING

SYDNEY: Australian grand prix: 125cc (24 laps, 94.32km): 1, L Capirossi (It) Honda 40min 15.516sec; 2, F Gresini (It) Honda, 40:21.280; 3, N Ueda (Japan), Honda, 40:28.584; 4, E Gianola (It), Derbi, 40:32.133; 5, R Waldmann (Ger), Honda, 40:39.229; 6, K Takada (Japan), Honda, 40:49.802. Overall points: equal 1, Ueda and Capirossi 35; 3, Gresini, 34; 4, Waldmann, 20; 5, Luethi, 19; 6, Martinez, 17. 250cc (26 laps, 110.04km): 1, L Cadalora (It), Honda, 44min 19.573sec; 2, H Bradl (Ger), Honda, 44:19.842; 3, C Cardus (Spt), Honda, 44:31.506; 4, W Zeelenberg (Neth), Honda, 44:35.067; 5, L Reggiani (It), Aprilia, 44:46.555; 6, P-F Chili (It), Aprilia, 45:16.512. Overall points: 1, Cadalora, 40; 2, Cardus 32; 3, Zeelenberg, 28; 4, Bradl, 26; 5, Reggiani, 18. 500cc (32 laps, 125.76km): 1, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 49min 14.411sec; 2, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, 49:15.960; 3, J Kocinski (US), Yamaha, 49:23.868; 4, W Gardner (Aus), Honda, 49:39.848; 5, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 49:43.588; 6, E Lawson (US), Cagiva, 49:45.566. Overall points: 1, Rainey, 35; 2, Doohan, 34; 3, Schwantz, 31; 4, Kocinski, 28; 5, Gardner, 24; 6, Lawson, 20.

MOTOCROSS

MILL, The Netherlands: 250cc world championship: First round: First race: 1, M Bervoets (Bel), Kawasaki; 2, J Van den Berk (Neth), Suzuki; 3, W De Wit (Bel), Kawasaki; 4, T Visser (Neth), Kawasaki; 5, P Johansson (Swe), Yamaha; 6, E Evertsen (Neth), Kawasaki. Second race: 1, D Strijbos (Neth), Suzuki; 2, Evertsen; 3, A Puzar (It), Suzuki; 4, P Dirkx (Bel), Honda; 5, Bervoets; 6, T Parker (US), Honda. Overall: 1, Bervoets, 31pts; 2, Evertsen, 27; 3, Strijbos, 26; 4, De Wit, 24; 5, Van den Berk, 23; 6, Dirkx, 20.

RUGBY LEAGUE

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Brisbane 26, Parramatta 13; Manly 14, North Sydney 10; Cronulla 2, Illawarra 2; Penrith 26, Canterbury 6; Eastern Suburbs 18, Balmain 9; Newcastle 18, South Sydney 8; Canberra 20, Gold Coast 18; St George 20, Western Suburbs 18.

OPENCAST BRITISH AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Dudley Hill 28, Mayfield 20; Egremont 8, Leigh Miners 6; West Hull 23, Leigh East 16.

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Sixth round: Thatto Heath 8, Millom 1.

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Batley 30, Huddersfield 14.

YACHTING

WARSASH SPRING SERIES: IOR: 1, Speed of Intel (C and G Brown); 2, Teamwork (D Head); 3, Eagle F1 (A Todd). CHS 1: 1, Mod-Khola (J and R Trafford); 2, Saxon Girl (P Boulter); 3, Reflex (P Blakoj). CHS 2: 1, Trilogy II (B Rizzo); 2, Racy Lady of Cambridge (M Pascall); 3, Waioru IV (P Tolhurst). CHS 3: 1, Flair II (J Macgregor); 2, First of April (G Morse); 3, Sunstone (T and V Jackson). CHS 4: 1, Menace (T Rees); 2, Wadhre (P Handley); 3, Tothva (G Fox). Sigma 38: 1, Arbitrator (S Bailey); 2, Impudence (M Strang and J Aitchison); 3, Warp Factor III (R Fielder). Sigma 33: 1, Blaze (W McNeill); 2, Circe (P Thomas); 3, Obsession (C Sanderson). J24: 1, Not Just Now (M Sparrus); 2, Luder (R Mackenzie); 3, New Kids At The Back (C Robinson). Sonata: 1, Aeolian (J Dudley); 2, Macinter.

SWIMMING

FEDERAL WAY, Washington: US spring national championships (US unless stated): Winners: Men: 100m backstroke: D Berkoff, 55.57sec. 200m freestyle: J Hudepohl, 1min 49.71sec. 400m individual medley: D Wharton, 4:16.90. 400m freestyle: K Frostad, 3:53.33. 100m breaststroke: S Van Neerden, 1:01.67. 100m butterfly: B Alderman, 53.50. 400 freestyle relay: Final: Fort Lauderdale, 3:24.23. Team: Texas Aquatics 134pts. Women: 100m backstroke: J Wagstaff, 1:01.22. 400m freestyle: J Evans, 4:08.11. 100m breaststroke: A Nall, 1:09.83. 100m butterfly: S Sanders, 1:00.47. 200m freestyle: N Haislett, 2:00.91. 400m individual medley: J Evans, 4:44.07. 400 freestyle relay: Texas Aquatics A, 3:46.57. Team: Texas Aquatics, 273.5pts. Overall: 1, Texas Aquatics, 407.5pts; 2, Pacific Aquatic Assn, 166; 3, Stanford, 147.

TENNIS

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Final: R Krajicek (Neth) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina: Women's tournament: Third round: L Meskhi (USSR) bt J Capriati (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt H Cioffi (US), 6-1, ret; J Novotna (Cz) bt F Labat (Arg), 6-1, 6-1; H Sukova (Cz) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-4, 6-0; G Sabatini (Arg) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-3, 6-2; F Bonsignori (It) bt S Hack (Ger), 6-2, 6-4; N Zvereva (USSR) bt S Cecchini (It), 7-6, 6-3; M Navratilova (US) bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-3, 6-4.

ORLANDO, Florida: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: D Rostagno (US) bt J Arias (US), 6-1, *6-4*; *P Sampras (US) bt D Pate (US)*, 6-3, 6-3; A Agassi (US) bt C Adams, 6-4, 7-6; M Washington (US) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-2. Semi-finals: Rostagno bt Sampras, 7-5, 6-4; Agassi bt Washington, 6-4, 7-6.

BASINGSTOKE: Vauxhall Indoor Trophy: Men: Semi-finals: Slazenger Heston bt Watchorn Whirlwinds, Alfreton, 2-0; Queen's, London bt Hallamshire, Sheffield, 2-0. Women: Semi-finals: Tennis World, Middlesbrough bt Queen's, 2-1; Puma, Welwyn bt Connaught, London, 2-1.

LISBON: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: K Novacek (Cz) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 7-5, 6-3; M Vajda (Cz) bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-2, 0-6, 6-3; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 6-1; S Bruguera (Sp) bt R Furlan (It), 6-1, 6-3. Semi-finals: Bruguera bt Chesnokov, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Novacek bt Vajda, 7-5, 6-2. Final: Bruguera bt Novacek, 7-6, 6-1.

CRICKET

NAIROBI: Tour match (one day): Gloucestershire 195-7 (Alleyne 102, Raab 3-42); Nairobi Cricket Association Chairman's XI 196-4 (D Shah 55, M Odumbe 50, Alleyne 2-32).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Fourth division

Torquay v Aldershot

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet v Kidderminster (7.45)

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor v Bishop's Stortford; Carshalton v Woking.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Gravesend v Dover (7.45).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Wolves (7.0); Blackburn v Huddersfield (7.0); Leicester v Newcastle (7.0); Manchester City v Coventry (6.45); Sheffield Utd v Sunderland. Second division: Preston v Burnley (7.0), Stoke v York (7.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Millwall v Luton (2.0)

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Tredegar v Cross Keys (7.0).

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (Cardiff): Wales v Canada, France v Sweden, The Netherlands v USSR, England v Italy.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: English indoor national championships (Melton Mowbray).

Last seats on sale

Antique wooden seats from Comiskey Park, the home of the Chicago White Sox for 80 years and the oldest baseball stadium in the United States, which is being demolished, are to be sold for £145 for charity.

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SPORT

Palace claim the honours but not the plaudits

Crystal Palace	4
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By STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

(After extra time: score after 90 min 1-1)

THE Zenith Data Systems Cup, a tawdry competition which interests scarcely anybody until it reaches Wembley, had the undistinguished final it deserves. Soiled by overt abrasiveness which bordered on brutality, it was won in extra time by the principal aggressors. Crystal Palace battered their opponents into submission.

Less than a year ago they were accused of similarly rugged tactics in a thoroughly unappealing FA Cup final. Their approach yesterday was no more honourable. Within five minutes a couple of Evertonians had to receive attention for facial wounds, inflicted by Gray's boot and by Young's fist.

The rest of the afternoon may not have been filled with as many shuddering collisions as the previous evening, when London Monarchs were engaged in the American football game, but one grotesque image will endure longer than the affair itself. It pictured the face of Keown, whose swollen features were splattered with blood.

Everton's central defender, wounded initially by Young, was characteristically attempting an aerial clearance midway through the second half when his head was jilted by the thrusting point of Thomas's elbow. Courageously, he pleaded to continue but was persuaded to withdraw. The suspicion that he had broken his nose was later confirmed.

Four cautions were issued, an unusually high number in the national stadium. During a tedious first half, Thorn was booked for deliberately bringing down Warzycha, an offence for which he might have paid a more severe penalty. So was Thomas for flailing wildly at McDonald.

The names Sheedy and Wright were later taken for dissent. Wright and Newell, who received a lecture after tussling with each other on the ground, and Ratcliffe, who blocked one of Wright's runs with a straight-arm jab, were treated more leniently by George Courtney, the country's most experienced referee.

In view of Palace's direct and muscular approach, it was ironic that one of their own representatives should be the other casualty. Gray, challenging for a long cross at the far post, collided heavily with Newell and, suffering from concussion, he had to be ferried to the dressing room.

Gray was responsible for the only notable moment before the interval. His free kick, struck from some 45 yards near a touchline, curled in, bounced of the sodden turf, still faintly bearing American football markings, and rebounded off the bar.

Thomas, with a diving header from a corner flicked on inadvertently by Keown, put Palace ahead in the 66th minute. Everton responded almost immediately through Warzycha, the Pole signed for £500,000 from Gornik Zabraze, who exchanged with Newell to claim his fourth goal in his sixth appearance.

Both sides rejected potentially decisive opportunities in the closing stages of normal time. Warzycha and Cottee both drove at the legs of Martyn at one end and at the other, Wright's header was tipped over by Southall, who subsequently caught Pardew's weak chip seconds before the signal for extra time.

Watson, the game's outstanding individual, continued the pattern of profligacy by heading into the side-netting before Palace claimed the first trophy in their history. Wright punished Hinchcliffe's error to score the second and a couple of headed flicks from Bright created the third for Salako and the fourth for Wright.

The event attracted a crowd of only 52,460, which only narrowly surpassed the total of spectators who bothered to watch the two teams on their way to the final. Southall's reaction encapsulated the significance of the occasion. He did not feel it was worth climbing the 39 steps to collect his medal.

CRYSTAL PALACE: N Martyn; J Humphrey, R Shaw, A Gray, E Young, A Thorn, J Salako, G Thomas, M Bright, I Wright, A Pardew.

EVERTON: N Southall; N MacDonald, A Hinchcliffe, M Keown, D Watson, M Milligan, R Warzycha, S McCall, M Newell, A Cottee, K Sheedy.

Referee: G Courtney.

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Taylor cagey over 'Super League'

By PETER BALL

THE Football Association's proposal to set up an independent premier league of the leading 18 first-division clubs under its aegis will need the support of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) if it is to be successful. It became clear yesterday that the PFA's acquiescence cannot be taken for granted.

"There are a lot of serious issues to be discussed," Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the PFA, said last night. "At the moment there is a lot of smoke around, and I'd rather wait for that to clear and then deliberate."

Taylor, the most far-sighted professional administrator in the game, was instrumental in providing the leadership which ended previous attempts by the big clubs to form a breakaway "Super League" in 1986 and 1988. As a noted traditionalist, who is "proud of the 92-club Football League", he is unlikely to preside at its dismemberment to serve the interests of a small group of powerful clubs.

"When you look at some of our signs of strength, with 92 clubs, 2,000 professional players, 1,250 youth trainees, the community programme gaining ground and attendances going up again, the signs are not bad."

Taylor will certainly speak for the long term interests of the game. He is also jealous of the players' position, and will insist on their influence being extended.

There are suggestions that the FA would want his presence on the independent committee to run the new league, but that would not sway Taylor. "We don't have a position at the moment," he said, "but neither are we in the position of being available to be bought off."

☐ BUENOS AIRES: Diego Maradona will fight the decision of the Italian League to ban him from world football for 15 months for failing a dope test, according to his agent (Reuter reports).

Sealed with a kiss: The Grand National champion, Seagram, nuzzles his trainer, David Barons, as he displays the winning trophy with Graham Piper, stable lad, centre, and the jockey, Nigel Hawke, at Devon yesterday

Barons reveals drug fears

By RICHARD EVANS

THE trainer of Seagram, the Grand National winner, yesterday called on racecourses to step up security as he disclosed the measures he took to prevent horse dopers getting at Seagram.

David Barons has more reason than most trainers to fear the activities of illegal horse nobblers as he remains convinced that Playschool, favourite for the 1987 Cheltenham Gold Cup, was "got at" minutes before the race.

After hundreds turned out in the picturesque Devon town of Kingsbridge to watch Seagram walk up the main street, the West Country trainer highlighted the weakness in racecourse security which allows dopers to strike.

"I don't think security is anything like as good as it should be. Where I think the fault lies is allowing Joe Public to come into so close a contact with the horses after they have been saddled up and before they reach the racecourse."

Barons believes Playschool was nobbled by dopers as he walked from the saddling enclosure to the parade ring at Cheltenham and came close to the crowd milling around. A horse could inhale enough drugs delivered in a three-second burst from an aerosol can to make him ill and urinate almost continually "and that is exactly what that horse did".

"You don't lose a Gold Cup the way we did without remembering it," he said.

Barons took no chances with Seagram. The 11-year-old chaser was moved to a stable close to the trainer's farmhouse at Woodleigh and guarded 24 hours a day in the week before the race. A fearsome alsation dog was also in attendance.

When his three horses went to Liverpool they were stabled in their own compound. Two lads were deputed to look after Seagram. Even so, Barons still found security loopholes which he could not close.

"When our horses walked away from the saddling boxes there were many people, probably between 50 and 100, around the horse as he went to the parade ring. At any time an inhalent drug could have been administered."

With balloons and bunting hanging from trees and fences in the Devon countryside, Seagram adapted as quickly to being a hero as he had to the Aintree fences 24 hours earlier. After his celebration tour of Kingsbridge, he returned through the winding lanes, lit up by primrose-clad hedgerows, to his stable for a well-deserved rest.

Seagram is not a large horse and stands barely 16 hands high. He was initially scared by the size of the Liverpool fences before gaining confidence during the first circuit. Barons and Nigel Hawke, the winning jockey, both agreed yesterday that Seagram might well have found the National fences too big a test before they modified some of the toughest obstacles, including Becher's Brook.

"Aintree have done a good job improving the National fences. They have got it right from the public's point of view, some of whom had been complaining. It is still a true test of stamina," Barons said.

The stamina of "Siggy", as Seagram is known at home, was the crucial factor at the end of the four-and-a-half mile race. "I am not knocking Garrison Savannah but the fact is he was in front too long. Mark committed himself two fences out and from there it is a hell of a long way."

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ters golf title at A
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Faldo has question
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Stewart and the demean
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The comments by
who is seeking to make
by winning the Master
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made in *Sports Illustr*
leading United States
azine.

He says of Azinger
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with bad technique."
Norman: "I have to be
I look at his swing, and
faults. Under the seve
pressure, will it hold u
way too loose."

Faldo also comments
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Stewart wore at last
Open Championsh
"That's like me wearing
of boxers with the Unio
on them, sinking a
putt and dropping the
and Strange's seriousne
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Faldo castigates Nc
the 1986 Open char
about his fascination
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he says. "Moving next d
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together. 'Design my
garden, Jack'. But when
playing with Nicklaus
always saying stuff
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No problem.' I don't kr
that's how you treat a fr

Faldo is annoyed. "
going to cause me emb
ment this week," he
"And I can do without
just tell the guys sorry,
been stitched up. I've
fool."

Faldo is also les
pleased with the tone
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But Faldo is himself
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tough. I've got to hav
thing up my sleeve."

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the Houston Open bec
continuous rain.

Neath embarrassed by formal approach

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Neath	10

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE sospans of Llanelli will decorate the Schweppes Welsh Cup final for the ninth time on May 4. There they will meet Pontypool after ousting Neath, the holders for the last two years, in the second of the semi-finals staged yesterday at the Arms Park.

Llanelli's victory, by a goal, a try and four penalty goals to a try, a penalty and a dropped goal, was a triumph for the formal approach to the game, as opposed to Neath's at times perverse desire to carry the game to the opposition by keeping the ball in the hand. Yesterday's game showed the lack of tactical direction of a team which, in the second half, was winning the lineouts but obstinately refused to kick for ground.

Against that was the splendid recovery of Colin Stephens, the Llanelli stand-off half. He had a dire opening five minutes but recovered his poise to kick Neath out of the cup (though they have the chance to secure the Heineken League by beating Newbridge on Wednesday).

His four penalties punished a series of Neath offences, notably in the first half when they surrendered territory so frequently it was almost embarrassing. Les Peard gave Llanelli 12 penalties to Neath's three which, combined with the holders' sluggish start, helped Llanelli to reach the interval with the scores level, at 10-10.

Both clubs scored tries of quality in the first half. Gibbs touched Bird's high kick back to Laity and both wings exchanged passes before Edmunds scored. Llanelli's was true to their traditions. Ieuan Evans ran out of deep defence before finding Lyn Jones, the ball was rucked back and Simon Davies chipped delicately to the corner, where Ian Jones scored.

Stephens embellished Llanelli's play in the third quarter, as much by his touch-finding as his goal-kicking. Even when the Llewellyn brothers were dominating the lineout, Llanelli matched Neath for pace in the loose.

The longer the match wore on, the more Emyr Lewis, the Llanelli flanker who played so well in the league win over Neath in January, came into his own. He combined effectively with Moon and hammered the final nail into the Neath coffin when, moving to the front of a lineout on the Neath tryline, stole a Neath throw-in to plunge over for the try which made the game safe.

Scorers: Llanelli: Tries: I Jones, Lewis. Conversion: Stephens. Penalties: Stephens (4). Neath: Try: Edmunds. Penalty: Thorburn. Dropped goal: Thorburn.

LLANELLI: I Jones; I Evans, N Davies, S Davies, S Bowling; C Stephens, R Moon; R Evans, D Fox, L Delaney, E Lewis, P May, A Copsey, L Jones, P Davies.

NEATH: P Thorburn; S Barclay, S Gibbs, C Laity, A Edmunds (rep: J Ball); J Bird, C Bridges (rep: R Jones); B Williams, K Phillips, J Davies, M Morris, Glyn Llewellyn, M Whitson, D Thomas, Gareth Llewellyn.

Referee: L Peard (Castleton).

Brian Williams and John Davies, the Neath international props, have withdrawn from contention for the Welsh tour party to Australia, which will be announced today. The Pembrokeshire farmers can not find the time for the six-match tour in July.

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Forum's farewell

A £75 million stadium is to be built for the Montreal Canadiens ice hockey team in Montreal, Canada. The stadium, which will seat 21,000 spectators and be ready for the 1995-6 season, will replace the Forum, where the team won 22 of its 23 National Hockey League Stanley Cup championships.

Oldham fashion own undoing

Warrington	22
Oldham	14

By KEITH MACKLIN

THE desperation of both sides provided constant excitement in this vigorous and mistake-ridden relegation battle which, barring a statistical miracle, sentences Oldham to a quick return to the second division.

It might have been a different story had not Oldham allowed Warrington to seize the initiative after they had taken an 8-0 lead.

Oldham made handling mistakes at crucial moments, particularly the error by Foy which presented Warrington with their first try from Ellis when Oldham were looking good value for their lead. It had all started so well for Oldham with dropped goals from Ford and Ruane and a try by Round. It might have been even more comfortable had not Martyn had a try disallowed.

However, Oldham fashioned their own undoing late in the first half when Foy gave away possession inside his own 22-metre area and Ellis went over. With Oldham failing to make good use of the powerful wind, Warrington grew in confidence with this gift and an excellent sweeping move brought Forster a try.

Lyon was unable to kick either goal, and Oldham missed a golden chance when an excellent passing move outflanked the home defence only for Longstaff to fail to make the corner and throw a loose pass inside.

Warrington made much better use of the wind in the second half and Mann drove over for a try, with Lyon at last landing a goal.

Oldham attempted to fight back, with their scrum half and Ford, the captain, constantly opening up the Warrington defence, only to find his team-mates squandering openings through bad handling

Warrington always looked the more likely side to score, and after Cullen had had a try disallowed, the Welsh centre, Bateman, was sent in by his compatriot, Ellis, and later added a second try. In between Bateman's brace, Foy touched down for Oldham, but by then Oldham's hopes of surviving in division one were gone.

First division leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widnes	24	19	0	5	585	294	38
Wigan	22	17	1	4	564	277	35
Hull	25	17	0	8	499	348	34
Castleford	24	16	0	8	546	408	32
Leeds	25	14	2	9	594	428	30
St Helens	25	13	1	11	566	517	27
Bradford	24	13	0	11	398	440	26
Featherstone	25	11	1	13	499	574	23
Warrington	25	10	2	13	398	374	22
Hull KR	26	9	3	14	452	615	21
Wakefield	25	9	2	14	331	403	20
Oldham	25	9	0	16	462	548	18
Sheffield	25	7	2	16	449	555	16
Rochdale	24	1	0	23	291	843	2

Not including last night's match: Wigan v Castleford.

For Warrington it was a blessed relief in a season which went downhill after their Regal Trophy success. They can thank the two New Zealanders, Mercer and Mann, for massive contributions and can look forward to the continual improvements of the two maturing recruits from Welsh rugby union, Ellis and Bateman.

Scorers: Warrington: Tries: Ellis, Forster, Mann, Bateman (2). Goals: Lyon (1). Oldham: Tries: Round, Foy. Goals: Platt (2). Dropped goal: Ford, Ruane.

WARRINGTON: D Lyon; D Drummond, A Bateman, T Thornley, M Forster; C O'Sullivan, K Ellis; G Chambers, D Mann, N Harmon, G Mercer, W McGinty, P Cullen.

OLDHAM: D Platt; S Robinson, J Henderson, D Foy, S Longstaff; B Clark, M Ford; J Fieldhouse, A Ruane, K Atkinson, P Round, C McAlister, R Russell (sub K Newton).

Referee: J Holdsworth (Kippax).

☐ The Trafford Borough director, Fred Wood, wants the Rugby League's decision-making board of five removed from office.

Fijians handle Carling's trials with ease

SIMON BARNES

"WE WANTED to throw the ball about more," Will Carling, England's rugby captain, said. "Especially against Ireland, but the rain put paid to that." Well, God forbid that it should rain in Ireland. England spent all of the fine Grand Slam season being just on the brink of playing crowd-pleasing rugby.

Time and again, the temptation was resisted: four thoroughly worthy victories were the result. I have no complaint about that: there are no marks, as I have said before, for artistic impression in ball games.

And yet ... and yet ... on Saturday I watched what was certainly the finest display of ball-handling seen on British soil this season. It took place in Scotland. And yet every single aspect of the conditions was against it.

I have long believed that England is an unsuitable place in which to play summer sports like cricket and tennis. The same is true of Scotland: except that it is also unsuitable for winter sports. The 100th Gala Sevens took place in that Scottish speciality, driving mist: a fine, virulent rain that stung the face and hands and a wind that sucked the warmth from the marrow outwards.

The event's sponsor, Keyline, had paid for the import of a team that would make the centenary memorable: it brought out a side from Fiji. And Fiji, who won what is now acknowledged as the world championship of seven-a-side rugby in Hong Kong, are wonders.

Their strength is in ball-handling, deceptive running and speed. Such qualities traditionally need a dry pitch, a dry ball, a little sun on your back. Rugby is a beach game in Fiji. Netherdale — cloud ceiling at zero feet, humidity 100 per cent, wind gusting to make the hospitality tents look like tea-clippers under full sail — was not much like a beach.

It was a day for playing the percentages. To cope with conditions, you needed the skills of Torvill and Dean, and the ability to juggle with a bar of soap in a shower. A cold shower. The Fijians possess those skills. They not only won the tournament, they won it in the only way they know how to win things. With style.

Have you ever before heard a sporting crowd burst into spontaneous laughter out of sheer delight? It happened again and again. Serevi, confronted with a marker on the halfway line, ball in his hand, stops dead. He surveys the marker with polite interest. And bang!, he is gone, scorching the mud as he goes. The marker has not even made a grab at him.

And the teamwork, the intuitive passing, the miraculous support work: "You must remember," Waisake Saukawa, the manager, said "that this is the first time they have played together." How can they work this magic, then? "I know the conditions were not really in our favour," Saukawa said. "But we were very determined to go away with the glory. We do have a lot of wet weather at home, but we have a great natural ball-handling ability that gives us a good advantage."

The weather was a desperate disappointment to the organisers of the tournament: but it made the day. In the equalising conditioning, the Fijian skills shone more brightly than ever. Seven-a-side rugby depends on the ability to make breaks and "go the length" to outstrip pursuit. Nadruku scored one try starting his run from beneath his own posts.

But Fiji had seven players capable of going the length, seven elusive runners, seven masters of prestidigitation, and, as a slightly useful bonus, seven men who could tackle like rat-traps.

There are no marks for artistic impression in rugby, though if there were, Fiji would get sixes all the way. But the point of that day in the wind and the rain was that Fiji were stunningly effective: performing all those skills that are at the very heart of all the oval-ball codes. Mayhem and grace: the Fijians were irresistible.

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AUGUSTA — Ian Wo
will tee up in the 55th
at Augusta National on
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(Aus), 16.27; 5, P Stewart (US),
Azinger (US), 11.67; 7, M McN
10.03; 8, C Strange (US), 9.69; 9,
(Ger), 9.43; 10, T Kite (US), 9.09.